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PREFACE

Preface To This Edition

Fifteen years have flown past since this hymn book was first published. This slightly expanded edition brings the number of hymns to 300 compared to the 276 in the first edition. A few of the hymns have been left out while others have been added, bringing the total to the current optimum number. It is expected that this edition will serve our churches for many years to come, while we focus on church planting, consolidation, and the training of gospel workers. Conceivably, an edition with music scores will be produced as the Lord enables.

We thank all our church members and friends for fellowship in the gospel. May the triune God have all the glory as His kingdom extends.

	Boon-Sing Po	oh, Kuala	Lumpur (2019)	١.
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Preface To The First Edition (2004)

This modest hymn book has taken us more than 10 years to compile. We had wanted to release it at the turn of the new millennium, and had given it the prospective name of "Millennium Hymns". The busyness of the ministry soon made it clear that we would not be able to complete it on time. It is with great relief and thanksgiving that we now release it. It seems best that we give the rationale for this project in the form of questions and answers.

1 Why should you produce a new hymn book when a number of good ones are available?

English is not the first language of many people in this country (of Malaysia). We, therefore, use the New King James Version of the Bible instead of one in old English. Since we use a Bible that is in modern English, we wish also to sing hymns in modern English. When this project was started, we knew of no satisfying hymn book containing hymns in modern English alone.

2 What criteria governed the choice of the hymns?

We have included the well-known hymns, from a broad spectrum of the evangelical world, which require little or no editing into modern English. Our interest is in the rich theological content of the hymns. Hymns by modern composers have been included to enrich the pool.

3 Is the number of hymns in this book sufficient for use?

We believe the over 270 hymns in this book are sufficient for use in most congregations. A typical congregation uses about 150 hymns each year, with some hymns chosen more often than others. A larger hymn book of, say, 700 hymns, will naturally provide a bigger pool of hymns to choose from, but it also makes the process of choosing somewhat more difficult because of its sheer number.

4 Wouldn't some people miss their favourite hymns which are not included in this book?

It is impossible to cater to the taste of everyone. Good, timetested, hymns that have been owned by God to the edification of His people and the advancement of His kingdom, are a rich heritage of the church. Individuals may still sing their favourite hymns in their homes, and on special occasions.

5 What principles governed the revision of the hymns?

The revision is always towards improvement in intelligibility or doctrine. The popular hymn, "Be Thou my vision", has been improved by toning down its mysticism and injecting it with a reference to the atonement. A new verse has been added to the hymn, "This is my Father's world", to make it more balanced doctrinally. Many hymns do not require any change. Others require only the replacement of archaic words with modern ones. Changes more than such simple replacements are indicated by an asterisk (*) after the name of hymn writer. In all such changes, we have endeavoured to keep as closely as possible to the original meaning, sentiment, or theme. Occasionally, apparently quaint words and expressions are retained due to "poetic licence" (e.g. yea, nay, nigh) or biblical usage (e.g. wormwood and gall, double cure, on high, Ebenezer).

6 Wouldn't some familiar hymns sound odd with changes made to them?

It certainly would to those who have been used to singing them in the unaltered versions. But it wouldn't be to first-generation Christians and Christians weaned from a diet of modern choruses and gospel songs. One can easily adapt, especially when possessed with a sympathetic spirit. It is to be noted that we are not the first to engage in the revision of hymns. John Wesley revised Isaac Watts's "Before Jehovah's throne", and John Rippon revised Edward Perronet's "All hail the power of Jesus' name!" Many other examples may be provided.

7 Why aren't all the Psalms represented?

We believe the book of Psalms is primarily Scripture to us, although it was the song book of the people of God in the Old Testament time. As with other portions of Scripture – be they historical, prophetic, poetic, or didactic in nature – it is meant

to reveal God and His will to us. Therefore, there is no compelling reason for us to sing every psalm, nor only psalms. We may put any doctrine, and any portion of Scripture – including the psalms – to song. We have a selection of over fifty psalms in this book, which constitute 19% of the total number of items. This is no small number compared to most hymn books.

8 Shouldn't we sing only the psalms found in the book of Psalms?

We believe that the Regulative Principle, which requires that we serve and worship God in accordance to the commands of Scripture, should be applied to singing in the church. (The alternative view, which may be called the Permissive Principle, states that all things are permissible as long as they are not forbidden by Scripture.)

We reject the rigid – and in our opinion, wrong – application of the Regulative Principle, which requires that only the psalms in the book of Psalms be sung by Christians today. According to this view, the expression "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16) is a reference to the psalms in the book of Psalms, in the same way that "the commandments, the statutes, and the judgements" (Dt. 5:31; 7:11) is a reference to the law of God. It is further argued that the psalms are also referred to as songs (titles of Ps. 65; 122; etc.), and that the "hymn" sung by the Lord after instituting the Lord's Supper was one of the psalms (Mt. 26:30).

Over and against that view, we believe that the "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16) are distinct categories of songs, as indicated by the "and" between the categories. Spiritual songs were composed throughout the history of God's people in praise of God. Moses composed a song when the Israelites crossed over the Red Sea (Ex. 15:1). He composed another song near the end of his life (Dt. 31:22, 30; 32:44). Another of his songs is incorporated in the book

of Psalms (Ps. 90). Deborah wrote a song (Judg. 4:4; 5:1). King Solomon composed one thousand and five songs (1 K. 4:32), at least some of which were incorporated in the book of Psalms (Ps. 72; 127). The prophet Habakkuk wrote a song, which seemed to have been sung in worship (Hab. 3:1, 19). Spiritual songs were composed for worship in keeping with the revelation of God's word, which occurred progressively.

With this tradition of writing songs of worship, it is quite certain that the Jews during the inter-testamental period composed songs which later became known as "hymns", while the early Christians composed songs known simply as "spiritual songs". Before the coming of our Lord on earth, the Greekspeaking Jews were already using the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament). The hymns and spiritual songs would most likely have been sung in Greek instead of Hebrew. The expression, "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs", in the New Testament thus makes perfect sense. Then, it is to be noted that the heavenly host sing "a new song" in praise of the Lord who has redeemed His people and is now seated on the throne (Rev. 5:31; 14:3). If we are going to sing a new song in heaven, surely it is right for us to sing new songs on earth, apart from the psalms and other hymns composed through the centuries.

If we sing only the psalms, we are unnecessarily restricting ourselves to a limited portion of God's revelation. The book of Psalms cannot be regarded as a summary of the whole Bible in the same way that the Ten Commandments are a summary of the whole of God's moral law. New revelations were given after the writing of the book of Psalms – revelations on the Holy Spirit, the atonement, the church, the preaching of the gospel, the judgement, etc. (Eph. 3:9-10; Col. 1:26-27; Heb. 1:1-2; 1 Pet. 1:10-12).

9 What, then, is the relevance of the Regulative Principle to singing in worship?

It is relevant is in three ways. Firstly, the songs we sing must be "spiritual" (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16), i.e. containing the truths of Scripture, and directing the mind heavenwards.

Secondly, the book of Psalms, which originally was the song book of God's people, sets the pattern for the songs we compose. As to content, the psalms are doctrinally rich, predominantly God-centred, and structured with flow in thought rather than being repetitious. As to form, they are poems arranged in metre so as to be singable to appropriate tunes. Psalms 39, 62, and 77 were sung to the tune "Jeduthun", Psalms 57, 58, 59 and 75 were sung to "Do Not Destroy", and Psalms 60, 69 and 80 were sung to "The Lilies". Other tunes are "Death of the Son" (Ps. 9), "The Deer of the Dawn" (Ps. 22), "Mahalath" (Ps. 53), and "The Silent Dove In Distant Lands" (Ps. 56).

Thirdly, congregational singing should predominate instead of the music, the instruments, or presentations by individuals or groups. Although the names of tunes are mentioned in the book of Psalms, the tunes have not been preserved for us, showing that the words are more important. In heaven, the singing is to the accompaniment of music (Rev. 5:8; 14:2), but the tunes are not mentioned. Instead, the words are emphasised (Rev. 5:9, 12; 14). We are to worship God together, and not to entertain one another.

10 How closely should we follow the words of the psalms as found in the Bible when singing them?

With the well-known hymn writer, Isaac Watts, we believe in the legitimacy of divesting the psalms of the language of types and shadows, and replacing them with the language of fulfilled prophecies. This is in keeping with the singing in heaven, where "the song of Moses" has become "the song of the Lamb" (Rev. 15:3). Of course, we have left unaltered some psalms, and other hymns, in which are deliberate Old Testament allusions.

11 What sort of tunes may we use in worship?

The tune should express the mood of the words well. It should be subservient to the words, helping in the singing, and not distracting the mind from the words. Most of the metrical hymns handed down to us are sung to tunes specially composed for singing in worship. Some tunes have been borrowed from folk songs. For example, the hymn, "What Child is this, who, laid to rest", is sung to an old English melody (of before 1642) called "Greensleeves". These tunes, which are of universal appeal, have come largely from western cultures. They have been used in churches of other cultures to sing the translated hymns.

As the church extends in the world, hymns are being composed in other cultures which would in due time be translated into English. An example is, "O thou my soul, forget no more", written by the Indian Christian, Krishna Pal (1764-1822) who was converted under the ministry of William Carey, which has been translated into English by Joshua Marshman. This hymn may be sung to tunes in the long metre. It is conceivable that tunes from other cultures, not just lyrics, in due time will be used in the English-speaking world. We are aware that some tunes can be appreciated only by people who are immersed in the particular culture from which they arise, and are therefore of limited appeal. In the Chinese culture, for example, there are a number of distinct categories of folk tunes, including the huangmei diao (which originated from the province of Guangxi), the geju (or Chinese opera music), the shange (or mountain songs), and the minyao (or folk songs). While the first of these has been used by Chinese Christians in Taiwan, it is doubtful that it will be appreciated by other cultures. The last of these, however, has the potential of being appreciated universally.

12 What is your view concerning the singing of gospel songs?

The so-called gospels songs are written and sung in the style of pop-songs which arise from a culture that is largely anti-God and licentious. They are often sung to the accompaniment of the electric guitar and the pop-band. The tunes of well-known pop-songs have also been adopted to sing such gospel songs. We do not deny that it is possible to enjoy pure entertainment within this larger pop-culture. However, it is extremely unwise, and contrary to the teaching of Scripture (Gal. 5:16-17; Col. 2:23; 1 Thess. 5:22; 2 Cor. 6:14-18), to associate the worship of God with a decadent culture that is given over to entertainment and sensuality. It is often argued that the great Reformer, Martin Luther, advocated the use of tunes from the taverns of his day to sing spiritual songs. That cannot be substantiated. That idea was thrown up in mischief by those who are clutching at straws to support their weak case. Gospel songs are not suitable for congregational worship.

13 What about the modern choruses, may we use them?

The refrain in a hymn, often also called the chorus, must not be confused with modern choruses. We have no problem with such refrain, when sung as part of the hymn.

Modern choruses developed from the earlier attempts by Christians to produce simple songs for use among children. In keeping with the inclination of the world towards the visual, sensual and subjective – over against words, reading and thinking – choruses began to be used by Christian youths, then by Christian adults. (See, for example, the three volumes of Choruses published by Children's Special Service Mission, London, in 1921 & 1936, 1938, and 1959.)

There has been a failure to distinguish between being childlike in our faith and being childish, and between what is simple with what is simplistic. Students in colleges and universities begin to sing Sunday School songs, complete with the actions. Youths in churches begin to clamour for choruses which are sung repetitiously to stir up the feelings. Now, simplistic choruses, devoid of any significant doctrinal content, are being sung repetitiously to loud or sentimental music, accompanied by body-swaying and hand-clapping, or upraised hands. The unsuitability of such songs, such singing, and such music, for worship is obvious from the fact that, in churches where these are adopted, a traditional hymn is often called for before the hearing of the message. This is tacit admission that only traditional hymns are suited to preparing the people for the hearing of God's word (which may be regarded as the highest act of worship).

14 Does all this mean that we are confined to singing only the older hymns?

That is not the case. We have deliberately included in this book hymns written by present-day writers. Some of these hymns may be sung to new tunes specially composed for them (e.g. "Behold, the days are coming" is sung to the tune, "Hunters Green"), or to tunes taken from folk songs (e.g. "Spirit of God who moved holy men", is sung to "Skye Boat Song"), or to tunes adapted from suitable secular songs (e.g. "My God is good, He gave me life in Christ", is sung to "The Exodus Song").

While not wanting to discourage the genuinely gifted from writing hymns, we must remember "not to think of our ourselves more highly than we ought to think" (Rom. 12:3). A qualified hymn writer should possess the following qualities: a good command of the language, the ability to write poetry, a good grasp of theology, mature Christian experience (preferably a pastor), and a musical mind (if not musically trained). It is obviously hard to find a combination of all these qualities in too many individuals. It follows that we should not expect to find many who are able to produce quality hymns.

We thank God for giving gifted individuals to the church. We

are thankful for the heritage of good hymns already available to us. Singing in worship is only one aspect of our Christian life, albeit an important and privileged one. Let us press on in our service to God, whatever the sphere of service may be. Let us all sing heartily to our God!

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1 God the Father; The Trinity

LM

1 Ps 100

Before Jehovah's awesome throne,

You nations, bow with sacred joy;

Know that the Lord is God alone,

He can create and He destroy.

2 His sov'reign pow'r, without our aid,

Made us of clay and formed us men:

And when, like wand'ring sheep we strayed, He brought us to His fold

He brought us to His fold again.

3 We are His people, we His care,

Our souls, and all our mortal frame;

What lasting honours shall we rear,

Almighty Maker, to Your name?

4 We'll crowd Your gates with thankful songs,

High as the heav'ns our voices raise;

And earth, with her ten thousand tongues, Shall fill Your courts with sounding praise. 5 Wide as the world is Your command,

Vast as eternity Your love; Firm as a rock Your truth must stand,

When rolling years shall cease to move.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 alt John Wesley, 1703-91

2

Ps 89:2

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Begin my tongue a heav'nly theme,

Of boundless wonders sing: The mighty works and holy name

Of our eternal King.

2 Tell of His wondrous faithfulness,
And sound His love abroad;
Sing of the promises of grace,
And the fulfilling Lord.

3 His very word of grace is strong

As that which built the skies; The voice that rolls the stars along

Speaks all the promises.

4 He who can dash the stars to death,

And make them as He please;

He speaks, and that almighty breath
Fulfils His great decrees.

5 O, might I hear His heav'nly tongue
But whisper, "You are mine!"
Those gentle words should raise my song
To notes almost divine.

6 How would my leaping heart rejoice,
And think my heav'n secure!
I trust the all-creating voice,
And faith desires no more.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

3

Ps 68:1

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Come, O Almighty King, Help us Your name to sing, Help us to praise: Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of days.

2 Come, O Incarnate Word, Gird on Your mighty sword, Our pray'r attend: Come and Your people bless, And give Your word success; Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

3 Come, Holy Comforter, Your sacred witness bear In this glad hour: Spiritual sight impart, Now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

4 To the great One-in-Three Eternal praises be, Now, evermore: His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

Martin Madan, 1726-90*

4

Ps 133:3

LM

Command Your blessing from above,
O God! on all assembled here:
Behold us with a Father's love,
While we look up with filial fear.

2 Command Your blessing, Jesus, Lord!May we Your true disciples be;Speak to each heart the mighty word,Say to the weakest, "Follow Me".

3 Command Your blessing in this hour, Spirit of Truth! and fill the place With humbling and exalting pow'r, With quick'ning and confirming grace.

4 O Lord, our Maker, Saviour, Guide,

One true eternal God confessed,

May nought in life or death divide

The saints in Your communion blessed.

5 With You and Yours for ever found,

May all the souls who here unite,

With harps and songs Your throne surround,

Rest in Your love, and reign in light.

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

5

Ps 136

LM

Give to our God immortal praise;

Mercy and truth are all His ways:

Wonders of grace to God belong,

Repeat His mercies in your song.

2 Give to the Lord of lords renown,

The King of kings with glory crown:

His mercies ever shall endure, When lords and kings are known no more.

3 He built the earth, He spread the sky,

And fixed the starry lights on high:

Wonders of grace to God belong,

Repeat His mercies in your song.

4 He fills the sun with morning light,

He bids the moon direct the night:

His mercies ever shall endure, When suns and moons shall shine no more.

5 He sent His Son with pow'r to save

From guilt, and darkness and the grave:

Wonders of grace to God belong,

Repeat His mercies in your song.

6 Through this vain world He guides our feet,

And leads us to His heav'nly seat:

His mercies ever shall endure, When this vain world shall be no more.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

6

1 Chr 16:29

87.87.47

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah, Three in One: Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

2 Glory be to Him who loved us,

Washed us from each spot and stain;

Glory be to Him who bought us,

Made us kings with Him to reign:

Glory, glory,

To the Lamb that once was slain!

3 Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the church's King, Glory to the King of nations, Heav'n and earth your praises bring.

Glory, glory, To the King of glory bring!

4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!

Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honour, riches, pow'r,
dominion:

Thus its praise creation brings

Thus its praise creation brings. Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

Horatius Bonar, 1808-89

7

Rm 11:33

CM

God moves in a mysterious way,

His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea,

And rides upon the storm.

2 Deep in unfathomable minesOf never-failing skillHe treasures up His bright designs,And works His sov'reign will.

3 O fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence

5 His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.

He hides a smiling face.

6 Blind unbelief is sure to err, And scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain.

William Cowper, 1731-1800

8

Mic 7:18

88.88.88

Great God of wonders! all Your ways

Are matchless, godlike, and divine;

But the fair glories of Your grace,

More godlike and unrivalled shine:

Who is like You, God of mercy? Or who has grace so rich and free?

2 In wonder lost, with trembling joy,We take the pardon of our God,Pardon for sins of deepest dye,A pardon bought with Jesus's blood:

3 O may this strange, this wondrous grace,
This matchless miracle of love,
Fill the wide earth with grateful praise
And all the ang'lic choirs above:

Samuel Davies, 1723-61*

9

Ps 36:5; Lam 3:22-23

Irreg

Great is Your faithfulness, O God my Father;

No shadow of turning with You I see;

You who change not, Your compassions, they fail not; as You have been You forever will be.

Great is Your faithfulness! Great is Your faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed Your hand has provided— Great is Your faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Your great faithfulness,

mercy, and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endures on,
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

10

Isa 6:3

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Hallelujah! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring

Our songs of adoration.

To Him through everlasting days

Be worship, honour, pow'r and praise,

Whose hand sustains creation.

Singing, ringing:

Holy, holy,

God is holy;

Spread the story

Of our God, the Lord of glory.

2 Hallelujah! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,

In whom we are elected.

He bought His church with His own blood,

He cleansed her in the bless'ed flood,

And as His bride selected.

Holy, holy,

Is our union

And communion.

His befriending

Gives us joy and peace unending.

3 Hallelujah! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Spirit sing For our regeneration.

The saving faith in us He wrought

And us unto the Bridegroom brought,

Made us His chosen nation.

Glory! Glory!

Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;

There is manna

And an endless, glad hosanna.

4 Hallelujah! Let praises ring! Unto our Triune God we sing; Blest be His name for ever! With angel hosts let us adore And sing His praises more and more

For all His grace and favour! Singing, ringing:

Holy, holy,

God is holy;

Spread the story

Of our God, the Lord of glory!

Unknown, 1698. Composer, Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

11

Ps 36

LM

High in the heav'ns, eternal God,

Your goodness in full glory shines;

Your truth shall break through every cloud

That veils and darkens Your designs.

2 For ever firm Your justice stands,

As mountains their foundations keep;

Wise are the wonders of Your hands,

Your judgements are a mighty deep.

3 Your providence is kind and large,

Both man and beast Your bounty share;

The whole creation is Your charge,

But saints are still Your special care.

4 My God, how excellent Your grace,

From which our hopes and comforts spring!

The sons of Adam in distress Fly to the shadow of Your wing.

5 From the provisions of Your house

We shall on truth eternal dine; Here mercy like a river flows, Bearing us pleasures all divine.

6 Life, like a fountain rich and free,

Springs from the presence of the Lord;

And in Your light our souls shall see

Your glories promised in Your word.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

12

Rev 4:8

11.12.12.10

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Gratefully adoring, our songs shall ever be;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, bless'ed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints shall e'er be

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down rev'rently

Before Him who was, is, and ever shall be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though how dark it may be,

Though the eye of sinful man Your glory may not see,

There is none beside You who is truly holy,

Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Your works shall praise Your name, in earth, and sky, and sea:

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, bless'ed Trinity!

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826*

13

Ps 122

668.668

How pleased and blest was I To hear the people cry,

Come, let us seek our God today!
Yes, with a cheerful zeal
We haste to Zion's hill,
And there our vows and homage pay.

2 Zion, thrice happy place!
Adorned with wondrous
grace,
And walls of strength embrace
you round;
In you our tribes appear,
To pray and praise, and hear
The sacred gospel's joyful
sound.

3 There David's greater Son Has fixed His royal throne, He sits for grace and judgement there; He bids the saints be glad, He makes the sinner sad, And humble souls rejoice with fear.

4 May peace attend your gate, And joy within you wait, To bless the soul of every guest; The man that seeks your peace, And wishes your increase, A thousand blessings on him rest!

5 My tongue repeats her vows, Peace to this sacred house, For there my friends and kindred dwell! And, since my glorious God Makes you His blest abode, My soul shall ever love you well!

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

14

Ps 8:1

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I sing th' almighty pow'r of God,

That made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad,

And built the lofty skies.

2 I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

3 There's not a plant or flow'r below

But makes Your glories known;

And clouds arise and tempests blow

By order from Your throne.

4 Creatures, as num'rous as they be,

Are subject to Your care; There's not a place where we can flee

But God is present there.

5 His mighty wonders are displayed Where'er I turn my eye, If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze into the sky.

6 His hand is for ever my guard,

His eye gives guidance clear; Why should I, then, forget the Lord,

Whose love is ever near?

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*

15 Ps 40

I waited for the Lord my God And patiently did bear; At length to me He did incline My voice and cry to hear.

2 He took me from a fearful pit
And from the miry clay,
And on a rock He set my feet,
Establishing my way.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,

Our God to magnify; Many shall see it, and shall fear,

And on the Lord rely.

4 O bless'ed is the man whose trust

Upon the Lord relies, Respecting not the proud, nor such

As turn aside to lies.

5 O Lord my God, full many are

The wonders You have done; Your gracious thoughts to us-ward far

Above all thoughts are gone.

6 Your tender mercies, Lord, from me

O do You not restrain; Your lovingkindness, and Your truth,

Let them me still maintain.

Scottish Psalter, 1650

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CM

Ps 146

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I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;

And when my voice is lost in death

Praise shall employ my nobler pow'rs:

My days of praise shall ne'er be past,

While life and thought and being last,

Or immortality endures.

2 Happy are they whose hopes rely

On Israel's God; He made the sky,

And earth, and seas, with all their train:

His Truth for ever stands secure;

He saves th' oppressed, He feeds the poor, And none shall find His promise vain.

3 The Lord gives eyesight to the blind;

The Lord supports the fainting mind;

He sends the lab'ring conscience peace:

He helps the stranger in distress,

The widow and the fatherless, And grants the pris'oner sweet release.

4 I'll praise Him while He gives me breath,

And when my voice is lost in death,

Praise shall employ my nobler pow'rs;

My days of praise shall ne'er be past,

While life, and thought, and being last,

Or immortality endures.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Ps 46

88.88.88

Jerusalem city of God, Whose streams of living water flow;

Make glad the saints with God their Lord,

Redeemed by blood their hearts aglow.

Though nations rage and kingdoms move,

Though Satan's lies on us deluge,

The Lord of host is e'er with us,

The God of Jacob our refuge.

2 Is not our God the refuge, strength,

And present help amidst trouble?

Though earth be moved, the mountains shake,

The sea may roar, that all marvel;

Though pain, though trials, and sorrows come,

Though Satan hurls his subterfuge;

The Lord of host is e'er with us.

The God of Jacob our refuge.

3 Behold the works of God on earth,

Behold the desolations done.

He makes the wars to cease, and breaks

The bow, and spear, the chariots none.

Be still, and know that I am God;

When obstacles appear so huge,

The Lord of host is e'er with us,

The God of Jacob our refuge.

Bronson Paul, 1954-

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Ps 148 CM

Let every creature join and sing

To praise th' eternal God; O heav'nly hosts, the song begin,

And sound His name abroad.

2 He made the sun and stars above,

And fixed their ordered frame; By His command they stand or move,

And ever show His name.

3 By all His works below, above,

His honours are expressed, But they who taste His saving love

Should sing His praises best.

4 Wonder and awe by all be shown,

His pow'r and love to raise; God is the Lord, His name alone

Deserves our endless praise.

5 Let nature's myriad works of art

The hand divine attest;

But they who live so near His heart.

Must sing His praises best.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Eph 1:4

DLM

O glorious Majesty on high, Eternal splendour is Your dress,

Where seraphims for ever fly, With songs of sweetest holiness.

Beyond the confines of our mind,

In realms outreaching human sight,

In perfect blessedness we find, By faith, Your glorious image bright.

2 The joy of truth shines in Your face,

Of sov'reign grace and mercy's smile;

And in the bosom of Your grace

Election cradled without guile. Your perfect will becomes our joy

When we have seen Your heart of love;

Our eager lips we now employ To sing the praise of God above.

3 Your perfect plan for all Your own

Is born in every chosen heart; Forbid it then that we should roam,

Or ever seek from You to part. To You predestined to conform,

And bear Your image in our lives,

With glorious gown and shining crown,

And all this from Your grace derives!

4 Who brings this grace unto the dead,

With quick'ning life and serious call?

It is the Saviour who has led A host of souls since Adam's fall.

With costly merit, pardon pure,

He has redeemed His chosen flock;

The faith He gives will now endure,

And stand forever on this Rock.

William Vernon Higham, 1926-2016

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Ps 104:16

11.10.11.10.+

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Your hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Your pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to You, How great You are! How great

How great You are! How great You are!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to You,

How great You are! How great You are!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,

And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

3 And when I think that God His Son not sparing,

Sent Him to die – scarce can I take it in.

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died to take away my sin:

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration

And there proclaim, my God, how great You are!

Russian, tr by Stuart K Hine, c 1953

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Eph 3:17-18

LM

O love of God, how strong and true! Eternal and yet ever new, Uncomprehended and unbought,

Beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O love of God, how deep and great!

Far deeper than man's deepest hate;

Self-fed, self-kindled like the light,

Changeless, eternal, infinite.

3 We read You in the flow'rs, the trees,

The freshness of the fragrant breeze,

The songs of birds upon the wing,

The joy of summer and of spring.

4 We read You best in Him who came

To bear for us the cross of shame,

Sent by the Father from on high,

Our life to live, our death to die.

5 We read Your pow'r to bless and save,

E'en in the darkness of the grave;

Still more in resurrection light We read the fulness of Your might.

6 O love of God, our shield and stay

Through all the perils of our way;

Eternal love, in you we rest, Forever safe, forever blest!

Horatius Bonar, 1808-89

22

Ps 150

55.55.65.65

O praise now the Lord! Praise Him in the height; Rejoice in His word, O angels of light; O heavens, adore Him By whom You were made, And worship before Him In brightness arrayed.

2 O praise now the Lord!Praise Him upon earth,In tuneful accord,O sons of new birth;Praise Him who has brought you

His grace from above; Praise Him who has taught you

To sing of His love.

3 O praise now the Lord! His mighty acts sound; Let triumphant chord Re-echo around; His pow'r and His glory Forth tell in deep tone, And sweet voice the story Of what He has done.

4 O praise now the Lord! Thanksgiving and song To Him be outpoured All ages along: For love in creation, For heaven restored, For grace of salvation, O praise now the Lord!

Henry Williams Baker, 1821-77*

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Ps 74:12

10.10.11.11

O servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

2 God now rules on high, almighty to save, And still He is near, His presence we have; The great congregation His triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus let angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give Him His right, All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might, All honour and blessing with angels above, And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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Isa 40:5

87.87.47

O what matchless condescension
The eternal God displays;
Claiming our supreme attention,
To His boundless works and ways;
His own glory
He reveals in gospel days.

2 In the Person of the Saviour All His majesty is seen; Love and justice shine for ever; And without a veil between, We approach Him,

And rejoice in His dear name.3 Would we view His highest glory,Here it shines in Jesus's face;Sing and tell the pleasing story,O you sinners saved by grace;And with pleasure,

Bid the guilty Him embrace.

4 In His highest work, redemption,
See His brightest glory blaze;
Nor can angels ever mention
One that more of God displays.
Grace and justice
Here unite to endless days.

5 O what high and solemn pleasure,
God to view in Christ the Lord;
Here He smiles, and smiles for ever;
May my soul His name record,
Praise and bless Him,
And His wonders spread abroad.

William Gadsby, 1773-1844

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Ps 104

55.55.65.65

O worship the King, All-glorious above; O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love: Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendour, And girded with praise.

2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space; His chariots of wrath The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path
On the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store Of wonders untold, Almighty Your pow'r Has founded of old; Has stablished it fast By a changeless decree, And round it has cast, Like a mantle, the sea.

4 Frail children of dust, And feeble as frail, In You do we trust, Nor find You to fail; Your mercies how tender, How firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

5 O measureless might! Ineffable love! While angels delight To hymn You above, The humbler creation, Though feeble their lays, With true adoration Shall lisp to Your praise.

Robert Grant, 1779-1838

26 Ps 90

CM

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;

Our shelter from the stormy blast,

And our eternal home.

2 Under the shadow of Your throne

Your saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Your arm alone, And our defence is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,

Or earth received her frame, From everlasting You are God, To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Your sight

Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night

Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,

Bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come; You be our guide while troubles last,

And our eternal home.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

27

Col 1:23

Praise, everlasting praise, be paid

I.M

To Him that earth's foundation laid;

Praise to the God whose strong decrees

Sway all creation as He please.

2 Praise to the goodness of the Lord,

Who rules His people by His word,

And has, as sure as His decrees,

Set forth the kindest promises.

3 Firm are the words the Scriptures give,

Sweet words on which God's children live;

Here is the very voice of God Who spoke, and spread the skies abroad.

4 O for a strong, a lasting faith,

Believing all the Lord has said! Owning the message of His Son,

Making the joys of heav'n our own.

5 Then, though the earth's foundations shake,

And all the pow'rs of nature break,

Our steadfast souls shall fear no more

Than solid rocks when billows roar.

6 Our everlasting hopes arise Above the present, changing skies,

Where the eternal Builder reigns,

Who, risen souls, in joy, sustains.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Ps 103

87.87.47

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,

To His feet your tribute bring! Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who like you His praise should sing!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise Him for His grace and favour

To our fathers in distress; Praise Him, still the same for ever.

Slow to chide, and swift to bless:

Praise Him! Praise Him, Glorious in His faithfulness.

3 Father-like, He tends and spares us;

Well our feeble frame He knows;

In His hands He gently bears us.

Rescues us from all our foes; Praise Him! Praise Him! Widely as His mercy flows. 4 Angels, help us to adore Him,

Who behold Him face to face; Sun and moon bow down before Him,

Dwellers all in time and space; Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847

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Ps 150:6

14.14.478

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation;

With joy and fear,

To God your Saviour draw near,

Join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,

Shelt'ring you under His wings, Oh, so gently sustaining!

Have you not seen? All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining!

3 Praise to the Lord, who so prospers your work and defends you!

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend you;

Ponder anew, What the Almighty will do, If with His love He befriends you.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again; Gladly always we adore Him.

Joachim Neander, 1650-80 tr Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78*

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Isa 6:1-3

87.87.D

Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled His temple, and repeated
Each to each th' alternate hymn:

Lord, Your glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fulness stored;
Unto You be glory given,
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

2 Heav'n is still with glory ringing, Earth takes up the angels' cry, Holy, holy, holy, singing, Lord of hosts, You Lord most high!

3 With His seraph train before Him,

With His ransomed church below,

Thus agree we to adore Him, Bid we thus our anthem flow:

Richard Mant, 1776-1848

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Ps 34:1

77.77

Songs of praise the angels sang,

Heav'n with hallelujahs rang, When Jehovah's work begun, When He spoke, and it was done.

2 Songs of praise awoke the morn,

When the Prince of Peace was born:

Songs of praise arose when He Captive led captivity.

3 Heav'n and earth must pass away,

Songs of praise shall crown that day;

God will make new heav'ns and earth,

Songs of praise shall hail their birth.

4 And shall man alone be dumb

Till that glorious kingdom come?

No; the church delights to raise

Psalms, and hymns, and songs of praise.

5 Saints below, with heart and voice,

Still in songs of praise rejoice; Learning here, by faith and love,

Songs of praise to sing above.

6 Borne upon their latest breath,

Songs of praise shall conquer death;

Then, amidst eternal joy, Songs of praise their pow'rs employ.

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

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Eccl 3:1 77.77

Sov'ereign Ruler of the skies! Ever gracious, ever wise! All my times are in Your hand, All events at Your command.

2 He that formed me in the womb,

He shall guide me to the tomb;

All my times shall ever be Ordered by His wise decree.

3 Times of sickness, times of health;

Times of poverty and wealth, Times of tri'al and of grief, Times of tri'umph and relief.

4 Times the tempter's pow'r to prove;

Times to taste a Saviour's love: All must come, and last, and end,

As shall please my heav'nly Friend.

5 Plagues and deaths around me fly,

Till He bids I cannot die: Not a single shaft can hit Till the God of love thinks fit.

6 O You gracious, wise and just,

In Your hands my life I trust: You, at all times, will I bless; Having You, I all possess.

John Ryland, 1753-1825

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Ps 92

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Sweet is the work, my God, my King,

To praise Your name, give thanks, and sing;

To show Your love by morning light,

And talk of all Your truth at night.

2 Sweet is the day of sacred rest,

Nor mortal care shall seize my breast;

O, may my heart in tune be found,

Like David's harp of solemn sound.

3 My heart shall tri'umph in the Lord.

And bless His works, and bless His word;

Your works of grace, how bright they shine!

How deep Your counsels, how divine!

4 Then shall I share a glorious part

When grace has well refined my heart;

And fresh supplies of joy are shed,

Like holy oil, to cheer my head.

5 Sin, my worst enemy before, Shall vex my eyes and ears no more;

My inward foes shall all be slain,

Nor Satan break my peace again.

6 Then shall I see, and hear, and know

All I desired or wished below; And every pow'r find sweet employ

In that eternal world of joy.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Gal 3:7

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The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above, Ancient of everlasting days, And God of love.

Jehovah, great I AM!

By earth and heav'n confessed;

We bow and bless the sacred

name,

For ever blest.

2 The God of Abraham praise, At whose supreme command From earth we rise, and seek the joys

At His right hand.

We all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r; And Him our only portion make,

Our Shield and Tow'r.

3 He by Himself has sworn: We on His oath depend; We shall on eagles' wings upborne,

To heav'n ascend;
We shall behold His face,
We shall His pow'r adore,
And sing the wonders of His
grace

For evermore.

4 The whole triumphant throng

Aburst with praise on high: "Hail, God Triune, Father and Son and Spirit," cry.

Hail, Abraham's God and ours!
We join the heav'nly lays;
And celebrate with all our
pow'rs,

His endless praise.

Thomas Olivers, 1725-99*

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Rev 19:6

LM

The Lord is King! lift up your voice,

O earth, and all you heav'ns, rejoice;

From world to world the joy shall ring,

"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

2 The Lord is King! who then shall dare

Resist His will, distrust His care,

Or murmur at His wise decrees,

Or doubt His royal promises?

3 The Lord is King! child of the dust,

The Judge of all the earth is just;

Holy and true are all His ways: Let every creature speak His praise.

4 He reigns! O saints, exalt your strains;

Your God is King, your Father reigns:

And He is at the Father's side, The Man of Love, the Crucified.

5 Come, make your wants, your burdens known;

He will present them at the throne;

And angel bands are waiting there

His messages of love to bear.

6 One Lord and Saviour all secures;

He reigns, and life and death are yours,

Through earth and heav'n one song shall ring,

"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

Josiah Conder, 1789-1855

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Ps 24:1

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This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings,
And round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas
His hand the wonders
wrought.

2 This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise, The morning light,
The lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair,
In the rustling grass
I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong Seems oft so strong God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: The battle is not done; Jesus who died Shall be satisfied And earth and heav'n be one.

4 This is my Father's world,
The gospel I'll proclaim
To one and all
God's elect call;
For whom the Lamb was slain.
This is my Father's world:
I know one day will come
Jerus'lem new,
A glorious view!
My new eternal home!
Maltbie D Babcock 1858-1901
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37Ps 118:24ff CM

This is the day the Lord has made,
He calls the hours His own;
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad,

And praise surround the throne.

2 Today He rose and left the dead,And Satan's empire fell;Today the saints His tri'umphs spread,And all His wonders tell.

3 Hosanna to th' anointed King, To David's holy Son! Make haste to help us, Lord, and bring Salvation from Your throne.

4 Blest be the Lord, Who comes to man With messages of grace; Who comes in God His Father's name, To save our sinful race.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains The church on earth can raise; The highest heav'ns in which He reigns Shall give Him nobler praise! Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Ps 34 CM

Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

2 Of His deliv'rance I will boast,

Till all that are distressed From my example comfort take,

And charm their griefs to rest.

3 O magnify the Lord with me, With me exalt His name; When in distress to Him I called,

He to my rescue came.

4 The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliv'rance He affords to all
Who in His mercy trust.

5 O make but tri'al of His love; Experience will decide How blest are they, and only they,

Who in His truth confide.

6 Fear Him, O saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Come, make His service your

delight, Your wants shall be His care.

Nahum Tate, 1652-1715 Nicholas Brady, 1659-1726

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Ps 122:1

77.77

I o Your temple we now go, Lord, our pray'rs and songs there flow, Where within the veil we meet Christ before the mercy-seat.

2 While Your glorious praise is sung,

Touch our lips, unloose our tongue,

That our joyful souls may bless Christ the Lord, our righteousness.

3 While the pray'rs of saints ascend,

God of love, to ours attend; Hear us, for Your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

4 While we listen to Your law, Fill our souls with humble awe,

Till Your gospel to us be Life and immortality.

5 From Your house when we return,

May our hearts within us burn;

And at evening may we say, We have walked with God today.

James Montgomery, 1771-1854*

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John 14:27

I.M

W ait, O my soul, your Maker's will:
Tumultuous passions, all be still,

MILLENNIUM HYMNS

- Nor let a murm'uring thought arise:
- His ways are just, His counsels wise.
- 2 He in the thickest darkness dwells,
- Performs His work, the cause conceals;
- And, though His footsteps are unknown,
- Judgement and truth support His throne.
- 3 In heav'n and earth, in air and seas,

- He executes His wise decrees: And by His saints it stands confessed,
- That what He does is always best.
- 4 Wait, then, my soul, submissive wait,
- With rev'erence bow before His seat;
- And even though He shows His rod,
- Trust in a wise and gracious God.

Benjamin Beddome, 1717-95

2 God the Son; The Church

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Acts 10:36

CM

All hail the pow'r of Jesus's name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
To crown Him Lord of all.

2 Crown Him, you martyrs of our God,Who from His altar call;Extol Him in whose path you

trod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

3 You seed of Israel's chosen race,

You ransomed of the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at
His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Let every kindred, every tribe,On this terrestrial ball,To Him all majesty ascribe,And crown Him Lord of all.

6 O that, with yonder sacred throng,

We at His feet may fall, Join in the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

Edward Perronet 1726-92 alt John Rippon 1751-1836

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Phil 2:5-11

65.65.D

At the name of Jesus Every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess Him King of glory now. 'Tis the Father's pleasure We should call Him Lord, Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.

2 At His voice creation Sprang at once to sight, All the angel faces, All the hosts of light; Thrones and dominations, Stars upon their way, All the heav'nly orders In their great array.

3 Humbled for a season
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom He came;
Faithfully He bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death He passed.

4 In your hearts enthrone Him;
There let Him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true;
Crown Him as your Captain
In temptation's hour,
Let His will enfold you
In its light and pow'r.

5 One day this Lord Jesus Shall return again, With His Father's glory, With His angel train; For all wreaths of empire Meet upon His brow, And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel, 1817-77

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Mt 28:6

77.77.+

Christ the Lord is ris'n today:
Hallelujah!
Sons of men and angels say:
Hallelujah!
Raise your joy and triumph
high;
Hallelujah!
Sing, O heav'ns, and earth
reply,
Hallelujah!

2 Love's redeeming work is done,Fought the fight, the battle won:Lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er,Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;

Christ has burst the gates of hell;

Death in vain forbids Him rise! Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King!

Where, O death, is now your sting?

Once He died our souls to save;

Where your victory, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led,

Foll'wing our exalted Head; Made like Him, like Him we rise;

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 King of glory! Soul of bliss!Everlasting life is this:You to know, Your pow'r to prove,Resurrected God of love.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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Rev 19:12

DSM

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!

Awake, O soul, and sing Of Him Who died for me, And hail Him as your matchless King, Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri'umphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save:
His glories now we sing

His glories now we sing Who died, and rose on high; Who died eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Those wounds yet visible
above
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his
burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose pow'r a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
And all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round His pierc'ed feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

5 Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime! All hail, Redeemer, hail! For You have died for me; Your praise shall never, never fail

Throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903

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Ps 47

77.77

Glorious is the Lord Most High,
Awesome is His majesty;
He His sov'reign sway maintains,
King o'er all the earth He reigns.

- 2 Jesus is gone up on high, Takes His seat above the sky: Shout the angel-choirs aloud, Echoing to th' trump of God.
- 3 Sons of earth, the tri'umph join:

Praise Him with the host divine;

Emulate the heav'nly pow'rs; Their victorious Lord is ours.

4 Pow'r is all to Jesus giv'n, Pow'r o'er hell, and earth, and heav'n;

Pow'r He now to us imparts;

Praise Him with believing hearts.

5 Wonderful in saving pow'r, Him let all our hearts adore; Earth and heav'n repeat the cry-

"Glory be to God Most High!"

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

46

Ps 87; Isa 33:20-21

87.87.D

Glorious things of you are spoken,

Zion, city of our God; He whose word cannot be broken,

Formed you for His own abode;

On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

You may smile at all your foes.

2 See, the stream of living waters,

Springing from eternal love, Well supply your sons and daughters,

And all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river

Ever flows their thirst to quench?

Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, Overflows its every trench.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,

See the cloud and fire appear! For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near. He who gives them daily manna,

He who listens when they cry; Let Him hear the loud hosanna

Rising to His throne on high.

4 Saviour, since of Zion's city, I through grace a member am, Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name. Fading is the worldling's pleasure,

All his boasted pomp and show;

Solid joys and lasting treasure, None but Zion's children know.

John Newton, 1725-1807*

47

Song 1:3

CM

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, And drives away his fear. 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,

And calms the troubled breast; 'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary rest.

- 3 Dear name! the Rock on which I build,
 My shield and hiding-place,
 My never-failing treas'ry, filled
 With boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Saviour, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King; My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring.
- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,And cold my warmest

thought;

But when I see You as You are, I'll praise You as I ought.

6 Till then I would Your love proclaim

With every fleeting breath; And may the music of Your name

Refresh my soul in death.

John Newton, 1725-1807

48

Gal 1:4

10.10.10.10

I greet You, who my sure Redeemer are,

My only trust and Saviour, who's ne'er far,

Who pain did undergo for my poor sake;

I pray, Lord, from our hearts all cares to take.

2 You are the King of mercy and of grace,

Reigning omnipotent in every place:

So come, O King, and our whole being sway:

Shine on us with the light of Your pure day.

3 You are the Life, by which alone we live,

And all our substance and our strength receive;

O comfort us in death's approaching hour,

Strong-hearted then to face it by Your pow'r.

4 You have the true and perfect gentleness,

No harshness have You and no bitterness:

Make us Your grace to taste, its sweetness see,

And ever stay in Your sweet unity.

5 Our hope is in You, and in You only;

Our faith is built upon Your promise free;

O grant to us such stronger hope and sure

That we can boldly conquer and endure.

John Calvin, 1509-64*

49

Job 19:25

LM

I know that my Redeemer lives:

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead;

He lives, my everlasting Head.

2 He lives, triumphant from the grave;

He lives, eternally to save; He lives, all glorious in the sky;

He lives, exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love,

And still He pleads for me above;

He lives to raise me from the grave,

And me eternally to save.

4 He lives, my kind, wise, constant, Friend;

Who still will keep me to the end;

He lives, and while He lives I'll sing.

Jesus, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

5 He lives my mansion to prepare;

And He will bring me safely there:

He lives! all glory to His name!

Jesus, unchangeably the same!

Samuel Medley, 1738-99

50

Mk 16:6

13.13.13.11.+

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;

I know that He is living, whatever men may say;

I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,

And just the time I need Him He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

2 In all the world around me I see His loving care,

And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;

I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,

The day of His appearing will come at last.

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Alfred H Ackley, 1887-1960

51

Rev 22:16 13.11.13.11.13.10.+

I've found a Friend in Jesus, He's everything to me, He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul; The Lily of the Valley, in Him alone I see

All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.

In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay,

He tells me every care on Him to roll.

Hallelujah!
He's the Lily of the Valley,
The Bright and Morning Star,
He's the fairest of ten thousand
to my soul.

2 He all my grief has taken and all my sorrows borne, In temptation He's my strong and mighty tow'r; I've all for Him forsaken and all my idols torn From my heart, and now He keeps me by His pow'r.

Though all the world forsake me and Satan tempt me sore,

Through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal.

3 He'll never, never leave me nor yet forsake me here, While I live by faith and do

While I live by faith and do His bless'ed will;

A wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear,

With His manna He my hungry soul shall fill.

Then sweeping up to glory I'll see His bless'ed face,

Where rivers of delight shall ever roll.

Charles W Fry, 1837-82

52

John 13:1

87.87.D

I've found a Friend, O, such a Friend!

He loved me ere I knew Him; He drew me with the cords of love,

And thus He bound me to Him:

And round my heart still closely twine

Those ties which nought can sever,

For I am His, and He is mine, For ever and for ever.

2 I've found a Friend, O, such a Friend!

He bled, He died to save me;

And not alone the gift of life, But His own self He gave me: Nought that I have my own I call,

I hold it for the Giver:
My heart, my strength, my life, my all,
Are His, and His for ever.

3 I've found a Friend, O, such a Friend!

All pow'r to Him is given
To guard me on my onward
course,

And bring me safe to heaven; Th' eternal glories gleam afar To nerve my faint endeavour: So now to watch, to work, to war.

And then to rest for ever!

4 I've found a Friend, O, such a Friend!

So kind, and true, and tender; So wise a Counsellor and Guide,

So mighty a Defender: From Him who loves me now so well

What pow'r my soul can sever?

Shall life, or death, or earth, or hell?

No, I am His for ever!

James Grindlav Small, 1817-88

53

Mt 13:45-46

CM

 ${f I}'$ ve found the Pearl of greatest price,

My heart now sings for joy: And praise I must, for Christ is mine;

Christ shall my song employ.

2 He is my Prophet, Priest and King,

My Prophet full of light, My great High Priest before the throne,

A King of heav'nly might.

3 For He is truly Lord of lords, And He the King of kings; He is the Sun of Righteousness, With healing in His wings.

4 Christ is my peace; He died for me,

For me He gave His blood; As my atoning sacrifice, Offered Himself to God.

5 Christ Jesus is my All-in-all, My comfort and my love, My life below; and He shall be My glory-crown above.

John Mason, c1646-94

54

Heb 13:5

87.87.87.87

Jesus is our God and Saviour, Guide and Counsellor and Friend, Bearing all our misbehaviour, Kind and loving to the end. Trust Him; He will not deceive us, Though we hardly of Him deem;

He will never, never leave us; Nor will let us quite leave Him.

2 Nothing but Your blood, O Jesus,

Can relieve us from our smart; Nothing else from guilt release us:

Nothing else can melt the heart.

Law and terrors do but harden,

All the while they work alone: But a sense of blood-bought pardon

Soon dissolves a heart of stone.

3 Jesus, all our consolations Flow from You, the sovereign good.

Love and faith and hope and patience

All are purchased by Your blood.

From Your fulness we receive them;

We have nothing of our own; Freely You delight to give them

To the needy, who have none. Joseph Hart 1712-68

55

Ps 72 LM

 ${f J}$ esus shall reign where'er the

Does His successive journeys run;

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,

And praises throng to crown His head;

His name like sweet perfume shall rise

With every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue

Dwell on His love with sweetest song;

And infant voices shall proclaim

Their early blessings on His name.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns,

The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains;

The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest

5 Let every creature rise and bring

His special honours to our King;

Angels descend with songs again,

And earth repeat the loud Amen!

Isaac Watts. 1674-1748*

56

Mt 1.21 CM

Jesus! the name high over all. In hell, or earth, or sky: Angels and men before it fall, And devils fear and fly.

2 Jesus! the name to sinners dear,

The name to sinners giv'n; It scatters all their guilty fear, It turns their hell to heav'n.

3 Jesus! the pris'ner's fetters breaks,

And bruises Satan's head: Pow'r into strengthless souls it speaks,

And life into the dead.

4 O that the world might taste and see

The riches of His grace; The arms of love that compass

Would all mankind embrace.

5 His only righteousness I show,

His saving grace proclaim; 'Tis all my business here below.

To cry: Behold the Lamb!

6 Happy, if with my latest breath

I might but gasp His name; Preach Him to all, and cry in death:

Behold, behold the Lamb!

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

57

Ps 45 87.87.47

 ${f L}$ et us sing the King Messiah, King of righteousness and peace!

Hail Him, all His happy subjects,

Never let His praises cease: Ever hail Him,

Never let His praises cease.

2 How transcendent are Your glories,

Fairer than the sons of men; While Your bless'ed mediation Brings us back to God again: Blest Redeemer, How we tri'umph in Your

reign!

3 Majesty, combined with meekness,

Righteousness and peace unite To ensure Your bless'ed conquests,

On, great Prince, assert Your right!

Ride triumphant, All round the conque'red

world!

4 Blessed are all who touch Your sceptre,

Blessed are all who own Your reign:

Freed from sin, that worst of tyrants,

Rescued from its galling chain: Saints and angels,

All who know You, bless Your reign.

John Ryland, 1753-1825

58

Rev 5:9; 14:3

886.D

Let Zion in her songs record The honours of her dying Lord,

Triumphant over sin; How sweet the song there's none can say,

But those whose sins are washed away

And feel that grace within.

2 We claim no merit of our own,

But self-condemned before Your throne,

Our hope on Jesus place; Though once in heart and life deprayed,

We now can sing as sinners saved,

And praise redeeming grace.

3 We'll sing the same while life shall last,

And when, at the last trumpet's blast,

Our sleeping dust shall rise, Then in a song for ever new, The glorious theme we'll still pursue

Throughout th' eternal skies.

4 Prepared of old, at God's right hand

Bright everlasting mansions stand

For all the blood-bought race; And till we reach those seats of bliss,

We'll sing no other song but this-

Salvation all of grace.

John Kent, 1766-1843

59

Heb 2:9

87.87.47

Look, you saints, the sight is glorious,

See the Man of Sorrows now From the fight returned victorious!

Every knee to Him shall bow: Crown Him, crown Him; Crowns become the Victor's brow.

2 Crown the Saviour, saints adore Him!

Rich the trophies Jesus brings; In the seat of pow'r enthrone Him,

While the vault of heaven rings:

Crown Him, crown Him; Crown the Saviour King of kings! 3 Sinners in derision crowned Him,

Mocking thus the Saviour's claim;

Saints and angels crowd around Him,

Own His title, praise His name:

Crown Him, crown Him; Spread abroad the Victor's fame!

4 Hark! those bursts of acclamation!

Hark! those loud triumphant chords!

Jesus takes the highest station:

O, what joy the sight affords! Crown Him, crown Him King of kings, and Lord of lords!

Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855

60

Lk 24:5-6

Low in the grave He lay: Jesus, my Saviour! Waiting the coming day: Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

And He lives forever with His saints to reign!

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2 Vainly they watch His bed: Jesus, my Saviour! Vainly they seal the dead: Jesus, my Lord!

3 Death cannot keep his prey: Jesus, my Saviour! He tore the bars away: Jesus, my Lord!

Robert Lowry, 1826-99

61

PM

Isa 53:3

777.8

Man of Sorrows! what a name

For the Son of God, who came Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

2 Bearing shame and scoffing rude,

In my place condemned He stood,

Sealed my pardon with His blood:

Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

3 Guilty, vile, and helpless, we:

Spotless Lamb of God was He; Full atonement: can it be? Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

4 Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry;

Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

5 When He comes, our glorious King,

All His ransomed home to bring,

Then anew this song we'll sing:

Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Philip Bliss, 1838-76

62

Heb 1:3

87.87.D

Mighty God, while angels bless You,

May a mortal sing Your name? Lord of men as well as angels, You are every creature's theme!

Lord of every land and nation, Ancient of eternal days,

Sounded through the wide creation

Be Your just and endless praise.

2 For the grandeur of Your nature,

Grand beyond a seraph's thought,

For created works of power, Works with skill and kindness wrought:

But Your rich, Your free redemption,

Shining o'er the ages long-

Thought is poor, and poor expression–

Who can sing that awesome song?

3 The archangels sang Your coming,

And the shepherds sang their lays.

And shall I remain ungrateful? Shall this tongue refuse to praise?

Brightness of the Father's glory,

Shall Your praise unuttered lie?

Break, my tongue, such guilty silence,

Sing the Lord who came to die.

4 From the highest throne in glory,

To the cross of deepest woe, All to ransom guilty captives: Flow, my praise, for ever flow! O, return, immortal Saviour, Glorious on Your risen throne, Come, return, and reign for ever:

Be the kingdom all Your own.

Robert Robinson, 1735-90

63

John 13:1

66.66.44.44

My song is love unknown, My Saviour's love to me; Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be. O, who am I, That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men were hostile, none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend.

3 Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

4 They rise and wish to have My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save, The Prince of life they slay; Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes, That He His foes From there might free.

5 In life, no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death, no friendly tomb, But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home; But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine; Never was love, dear King! Never was grief Your kind. This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman, 1624-83*

64

Phil 2:5-11

77.77.77

Now in praise let us arise, Sing the Saviour's sacrifice; All the names that love could find,

Jesus in Himself has joined; All the forms that love could take,

Our lost souls His own to make.

2 Equal He with God Most High, Mild, He laid His glory by; He, th' eternal God, was born, Object of His creatures' scorn; Man with men He came to 'ppear, Pleased a servant's form to wear.

3 Hail! O everlasting Lord, Hail! divine, incarnate Word; You let our powers confess, With angelic choirs to bless; You our every breath proclaim, Our belov'd Emmanuel's name! 4 Thus He left His throne above,

Moved by everlasting love; Whom the heav'ns could not contain,

Lord of Glory, Son of Man, Came on earth for us to 'ppear, By His own rejected here.

5 Hail our dear Redeemer-King!

All Your wondrous love we sing;

Never shall Your tri'umphs end,

Jesus, Lord, the sinner's Friend!

Hail derided majesty! Friend of sinners-and of me!

Charles Wesley, 1707-88*

65

John 15:13

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LM

 ${f N}$ ow, O my soul, forget no more The Friend who all your

mis'ery bore; Let every idol be forgot, But, O my soul, forget Him

2 Jesus, for you, a body takes, Your guilt assumes, your fetters breaks,

Discharging all your dreadful debt;

And can you e'er such love forget?

3 Renounce your works and ways with grief,

And fly to this most sure relief; Nor Him forget who left His throne.

And for your life gave up His

4 Infinite truth and mercy shine

In Him, and He Himself is mine:

And can I, then, with sin beset,

Such charms, such matchless charms, forget?

5 Ah! no; till life itself depart, His name shall cheer and warm my heart;

And lisping this, from earth I'll rise,

And join the chorus of the skies.

6 Ah! no; when all things else expire,

And perish in the awesome fire,

This name above all shall survive,

And through eternity shall live.

Krishna Pal, 1764-1822 tr Joshua Martian, 1768-1837*

66

Ps 9:1

CM

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

2 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

3 He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

4 He speaks, and list'ening to His voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

5 Hear Him, you deaf; His praise, you dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; You blind, behold your Saviour come; And leap, you lame, for joy!

6 My gracious Master and my God,Assist me to proclaim,To spread through all the earth abroad,

The honours of Your name.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

67

1 Pet 1:8

76.76.D

O Saviour, precious Saviour, Whom yet unseen we love, O name of might and favour, All other names above; We worship You, we bless You, To You alone we sing; We praise You, and confess You
Our holy Lord and King.

2 O Bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously has wrought,
Yourself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought;
We worship You, we bless You,
To You alone we sing;
We praise You, and confess
You
Our gracious Lord and King.

3 In You we find all fulness, All glory, pow'r and grace; In You alone true wholeness, Through mercy to our race; We worship You, we bless You, To You alone we sing; We praise You, and confess You Our glorious Lord and King.

4 O grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration,
And everlasting love!
Then shall we praise and bless
You
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess You

Our Saviour and our King.

Frances Riddle Havergal, 1836-79*

68

Eph 3:19

87.87.D

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus!

Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;

Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fulness over me.

Underneath me, all around me,

Is the current of Your love; Leading onward, leading homeward,

To my glorious rest above.

2 O, the deep, deep love of Jesus!

Spread His praise from shore to shore,

How He so loves, ever He loves,

Changes never, nevermore; How He watches o'er His loved ones,

Died to call them all His own; How for them He intercedes now.

Watches o'er them from the throne.

3 O, the deep, deep love of Jesus!

Love of every love the best: 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!

'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; And it lifts me up to glory, For to You it so lifts me.

Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925*

69

Gal 6:14

12.8.12.9.+

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,

The emblem of suff'ering and shame;

And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,

Till my trophies at last I lay down;

I will cling to the old rugged cross,

And exchange it some day for a crown.

2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,

Has a wondrous attraction for me;

For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above

To bear it to dark Calvary.

3 In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,

A wondrous beauty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died To pardon and sanctify me.

4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,

Its shame and reproach gladly bear;

Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,

Where His glory forever I'll share.

George Bernard, 1873-1958

70

Gal 1:5 87.87

On the wings of faith uprising,
Jesus crucified I view;

While His love, my soul surprising,

Cries: "I suffered all for you!"

2 When, in true repentance praying,

All my guilty sins appear, Then, the wounds of Christ surveying,

I can see my pardon there.

3 Here I'll fix my eyes for ever While the balm of life I'll prove;

Every wound is like a river Flowing with eternal love.

4 Who can think, without admiring?

Who can hear, and nothing feel?

See the Lord of life expiring, Yet retain a heart of steel?

5 Angels here may gaze and wonder

What the God of love could mean,

When He tore the heart asunder,

Never once defiled with sin!

Joseph Swain, 1761-96

71

1 Pet 4:11

PM

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our bless'ed Redeemer;

Sing, O earth! His wonderful love proclaim!

Hail Him! Hail Him! highest arch-angels in glory;

Strength and honour give to His holy name.

Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,

In His arms He carries them all day long.

O you saints that dwell in the mountains of Zion!

Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song.

2 Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our bless'ed

Redeemer,
For our sins He suffered and bled and died!
He, our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the crucified;
Loving Saviour, meekly enduring sorrow,
Crowned with thorns that cruelly pierced His brow;
Once for us rejected, despised, and forsaken,
Prince of glory, ever triumphant now.

3 Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our bless'ed Redeemer,

Heav'nly portals, loud with hosannas ring!

Jesus, Saviour, He reigns for ever and ever;

Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!

Death is vanquished! Tell it with joy, you faithful;

Where is now your victory, boasting grave?

Jesus lives! no longer your portals are cheerless;

Jesus lives, the mighty and strong to save.

Fanny J Crosby, 1823-1915

72

Ps 149:2

66.66.88

 ${f R}$ ejoice! the Lord is King:

Your Lord and King adore; Mortals, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns, The God of truth and love; When He had purged our stains,

He took His seat above:

3 His kingdom cannot fail: He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n:

4 He sits at God's right hand: Till all His foes submit, And bow to His command, And fall before His feet:

5 Rejoice in glorious hope: Jesus, the Judge, shall come, And take His servants up To their eternal home:

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

73

Ps 23 87.87.iambic

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness will fail never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine for ever. 2 Where streams of living water flow

My ransomed soul He so leads,

And, where the verdant pastures grow,

With food celestial He feeds.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,

But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid,

And home rejoicing brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill

With You, dear Lord, beside me;

Your rod and staff my comfort still,

Your cross before to guide me.

5 You spread a table in my sight;

Your unction's grace bestowing:

And O what height of pure delight

When my cup's overflowing!

6 And so through all the length of days Your goodness will fail never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise

Within Your house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker, 1821-77*

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Ps 23 CM

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want:

He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He's
leading me

The quiet waters by.

2 My soul He does restore again,

And me to walk does make Within the paths of righteousness,

E'en for His own name's sake.

3 Yes, though I walk through death's dark vale,

Yet will I fear no ill:

For You are with me, and Your rod

And staff me comfort still.

4 A table You prepare for me In presence of my foes; My head You do with oil anoint,

And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life

Shall surely follow me; And in God's house for

evermore My dwelling-place shall be.

Scottish Psalter, 1650*

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Ps 31 CM

The Saviour who redeemed our souls

From death and endless woe, Whose wisdom each event controls,

From whom all mercies flow.

2 He has decreed that even hereHis faithful sons shall prove,Through good or ill, midst toil and fear,

The riches of His love.

3 But then, when life's brief term is o'er, And heav'n reveals her gates, What mighty blessings are in

What endless glory waits!

store,

4 Praise, then, your Saviour, all His saints,
To Him devote your hearts;
He hears and pities your complaints,
And strength and joy imparts.

Harriet Auber, 1773-1862

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Song

76.76.76.D

The Song of songs to worship,
Our King, the Lord Jesus;
I sought Him not but He sought
Me in my darkest hours;

My restless soul He gave peace,

My nakedness He clothed; The Rose of Sharon is He, Whose righteousness I boast; The Lily of the Valleys Who brings joy, light, and cheer; Our sins He purged, though away He assures we are dear.

2 A garden enclosed are we
From Him is our beauty;
No merit in all our works,
Save what is our duty;
Should we not give of
ourselves
To the Lord more fully?
How oft have I failed Him so,
Oh, what utter folly!
His Spirit I grieved away,
Now I seek His mercy;
O Lord Jesus, turn Your face
To me and have pity!

3 His voice we hear in words near,

To comfort, strengthen, cheer; His Spirit fills His people With joy and vision clear; With love undying we serve Our Lord who first loved us; In weakness we cry to God To give us fruitfulness; May our fleeting days be spent In Your love and mercy; Until gathered to praise You For all eternity!

Bronson Paul, 1954-

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Gal 2:20

CM

 ${f T}$ here is a green hill far away,

Outside a city wall,
Where our dear Lord was
crucified,
Who died to save us all.

2 We may not know, we cannot tellWhat pains He had to bear,But we believe it was for usHe hung and suffered there.

3 He died that we might be forgiv'n,He died to make us good,That we might go at last to heav'n,Saved by His precious blood.

4 There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heav'n, and let us in.

5 O, dearly, dearly has He loved!And we must love Him too,And trust in His redeeming blood,And try His works to do.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95

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Rev 5:12

84.84.888.4

Tis the church triumphant singing,
Worthy the Lamb!

Heav'n throughout with praises ringing,
Worthy the Lamb!
Thrones and pow'rs before Him bending,
Odours sweet with voice ascending
Swell the chorus never ending,
Worthy the Lamb!

2 Every kindred, tongue and nation—
Worthy the Lamb!
Join to sing the great salvation;
Worthy the Lamb!
Loud as mighty thunders roaring,
Floods of mighty waters pouring,
Prostrate at His feet adoring,
Worthy the Lamb!

3 Harps and songs for ever sounding,
Worthy the Lamb!
Mighty grace o'er sin abounding;
Worthy the Lamb!
By His blood He dearly bought us,
Wand'ring from the fold, He sought us,
And to glory safely brought us:
Worthy the Lamb!

4 Sing with blest anticipation, Worthy the Lamb!
Through the vale of tribulation,
Worthy the Lamb!

Sweetest notes, all notes excelling,

On the theme for ever dwelling,

Still untold, though ever telling,

Worthy the Lamb!

John Kent, 1766-1843

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Gal 6:14

LM

We sing the praise of Him who died,

Of Him who died upon the cross;

The sinner's hope let men deride,

For this we count the world but loss.

2 Inscribed upon the cross we see

In shining letters, "God is love";

He bears our sins upon the tree,

He brings us mercy from above.

3 The cross! It takes our guilt away,

It holds the fainting spirit up; It cheers with hope the gloomy day,

And sweetens every bitter cup.

4 It makes the coward spirit brave,

And nerves the feeble arm for fight;

It takes the terror from the grave,

And gilds the bed of death with light:

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,

The measure and the pledge of love,

The sinner's refuge here below,

The angels' theme in heav'n above.

Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855

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1 Cor 15:57

10.11.11.11.+

Yours be the glory, risen, conq'ring Son,

Endless is the vict'ry You o'er death have won;

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

Kept the folded grave-clothes where Your body lay.

Yours be the glory, risen, conq'ring Son,

Endless is the vict'ry You o'er death have won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!

Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;

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Let the church with gladness hymns of tri'umph sing, For her Lord is living, death has lost its sting.

3 No more we doubt You, glorious Prince of life; What is life without You? Aid us in our strife; Make us more than conq'rors, through Your deathless love:

Bring us safe through Jordan to Your home above.

Edmond L Budry, 1854-1932 tr Richard B Hoyle, 1875-1939*

3 The Holy Spirit; The Word

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Gal 5:1

88.88.88

And can it be that I should gain

An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain?

For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be That You, my God, should die for me?

2 'Tis myst'ry all! th' Immortal dies!

Who can explore this strange design?

In vain the first-born seraph tries

To sound the depths of love divine!

'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more.

3 He left His Father's throne above,

So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all for love,

And bled for Adam's helpless race:

'Tis mercy all, immense and free;

For, O my God, it found out me.

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay

Fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Your eye diffused a quick'ning ray,

I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

My chains fell off, my heart was free;

I rose, went forth, as You led me.

5 No condemnation now I dread;

Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine.

Bold I approach th' eternal throne,

And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88*

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Ps 42

As pants the deer for cooling streams,

CM

When heated in the chase,

So longs my soul, O God, for You,

And Your refreshing grace.

2 For You, my God, the living God,

My thirsty soul does pine;

- O when shall I behold Your face,
- O Majesty divine?
- 3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?Trust God, who will employ His aid for you, and change these sighsTo thankful hymns of joy.
- 4 God of my strength, how long shall I Like one forgotten mourn? Forlorn, forsaken and exposed To my oppressor's scorn?
- 5 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
 Hope still, and you shall sing The praise of Him who is your God,
 Your health's eternal spring.

Nahum Tate, 1652-1715 Nicholas Brady, 1659-1726

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Ps 32 LM

Bless'ed are they, supremely blest,

Whose wickedness is all forgiv'n,

Who find in Jesus's wounds their rest,

- And see the smiling face of heav'n.
- 2 Bless'ed are they to whom the Lord

No more imputes iniquity,

Whose spirit is by grace restored,

And from all lies and guile set free.

3 But while, through pride, I held my tongue,

Nor owned my helpless unbelief,

My being languished all day long,

And conscience roared without relief.

4 Resolved, at last, to God I cried:

I will my evil ways confess, No more evade, or seek to hide

My depth of shameful sinfulness.

5 For this shall every child of God,

Your all-surpassing love declare,

And take the grace on all bestowed,

Who pray the contrite sinner's prayer.

6 Bless'ed are they, supremely blest.

Whose wickedness is all forgiv'n,

Who find in Jesus's wounds their rest,
And see the smiling face of heav'n.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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John 6:35

64.64.D

Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As You did break the loaves Beside the sea; Beyond the sacred page I seek You, Lord, My Spirit longs for You, O living Word!

2 You are the Bread of life, O Lord, to me, Your holy word the truth That saves e'en me; Grant me to eat and live With You above, Teach me to love Your truth, For You are love.

3 O send Your Spirit, Lord, Now unto me, That He may touch my eyes, And make me see: Show me the truth concealed Within Your word, And in Your book revealed I see You, Lord.

4 Bless Lord the bread of life, To me, to me, As You did bless the loaves By Galilee: Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall, And I shall find my peace, My All-in-all!

Mary Artemisia Lathbury, 1841-1913*

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Rm 5:5

66.11.D

Come down, O Love divine, Seek now this soul of mine, And visit it with Your own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear, And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,Till earthly passions turnTo dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;And let Your glorious lightShine ever on my sight,And clothe me round, while You're my path illuming.

3 O clothe me outwardly
With love and modesty,
And lowliness become my
inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,

Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;

For none can guess its grace, Till he become the place In which the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Bianco Da Siena, c 1350-1434 tr Richard F Littledale, 1833-90*

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John 14:26

LM

Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly Dove, With light and comfort from

With light and comfort from above:

Be Lord our guardian, Lord our guide,

O'er every thought and step preside.

2 The light of truth to us display,

And make us know and choose Your way;

Plant holy fear in every heart, That we from God may ne'er depart.

3 Lead us to Christ, the living Way,

Nor let us from His precepts stray;

Lead us to holiness, the road That we must take to dwell with God.

4 Lead us to heav'n that we may share

Fullness of joy for ever there; Lead us to God, our final rest, To be with Him for ever blest.

Simon Browne, c. 1680-1732

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John 16:14

CM

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,

With all Your quick'ning pow'rs;

Kindle a flame of sacred love In these cold hearts of ours.

2 See how we grovel here below

Fond of earth's trifling toys! See how dull our hearts and how slow

To seek eternal joys.

3 In vain we tune our formal songs,

In vain we strive to rise;
Our praise is weak upon our tongues,

And our devotion dies.

4 Dear Lord, and shall we always lie

In such a languid state?
Our love so faint, so cold to You,

And Yours to us so great?

4 Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,

With all Your quick'ning pow'rs;

Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,

And that shall kindle ours.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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1 Sam 7:12

87.87.D

Come, O Fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Your grace;

Streams of mercy never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise;

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above;

O the vast, the boundless treasure,

Of my Lord's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer* Thus far by Your help I've come,

And I hope, by Your good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wand'ring from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor,

Daily I keep this in view! Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,

Bind my wand'ring heart to You;

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,

Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,

Seal it from Your courts above!

* "Stone of help" Robert Robinson, 1735-90*

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Rm 8:9-11

88.88.88

Creator Spirit, by whose aid The world's foundations first were laid,

Come, visit every waiting mind,

Come, pour Your joys on humankind;

From sin and sorrow set us free,

And give us grace to hear and see.

2 With Your rich grace descend from high Perfect in pow'r and energy;

The strength of His almighty hand,

Whose pow'r does heav'n and earth command;

Refine and purge our earthly parts,

And stamp Your image on our hearts.

3 Create us new, our wills control,

Subdue the rebel in our soul; Chase from our minds the fear of woe,

And peace and love and faith bestow:

And lest again we go astray, Protest and guide us in the way.

4 Immortal honour, endless fame,

Attend th' almighty Father's name;

The Saviour Son be glorified, Who for lost man's redemption died; And equal adoration too, O divine Spirit, be to You.

Latin 7th century tr John Dryden, 1631-1700*

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Rm 8:9

886.D

Descend on us, O heav'nly Dove,

With flames of pure angelic love;

Our spell-bound hearts inspire;

Fountain of joy, blest Paraclete,

Warm our cold hearts with heav'nly heat,
And set our souls on fire.

2 Breathe on these bones, so dry and dead;

Your sweetest, softest influence spread

In all our hearts with awe;

Point out the place where grace abounds;

Direct us to the bleeding wounds

Of our incarnate God.

3 Lead us, lost sinners, in Your train

To Calv'ary, where the Lamb was slain,

And with us there abide;

Let us our loved Redeemer meet,

Weep o'er His pier'ced hands and feet,

And view His wounded side.

4 Teach us for what, and how, to pray,

For we are prone to go astray; Help us that we through faith The impact of Christ's death may feel;

As by the throne of grace we kneel.

Give us that love and faith.

5 You, with the Father and the Son,

Are that mysterious Three-in-One, God blest for evermore! And though we cannot comprehend,
Knowing You as the sinner's Friend,

We love You and adore.

Joseph Hart, 1712-68*

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Rm 8:12-17 LM

Eternal Spirit! how we bless And sing the wonders of Your grace:

Your pow'r conveys Your blessings down

From God the Father and the Son.

2 Enlightened by Your heav'nly ray,

Our sp'ritual darkness turns to day;

Your inward teachings make us know,

Our danger and our refuge too.

3 Your pow'r and glory work within,

To break the chains of reigning sin,

Our dominating lusts subdue, And form our fallen hearts anew.

4 The troubled conscience knows Your voice, Your pard'oning words awake our joys, Your work illuminates the mind,

And lets the soul assurance find.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Ps 119:97

CM

Father of mercies, in Your word

What endless glory shines; For ever be Your name adored For these celestial lines.

2 Here springs of consolation rise

To cheer the fainting mind, And thirsting souls receive supplies,

And sweet refreshment find.

3 Here the Redeemer's welcome voice

Spreads heav'nly peace around;

And life and everlasting joys Attend the blissful sound.

4 O may these hallowed pages be

My ever dear delight; And still new beauties may I

And still increasing light.

see.

5 Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,

To You I now draw near;

Teach me to love Your sacred word,

And view my Saviour here.

Anne Steele, 1717-78*

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Acts 20:24

LM

God, in the gospel of His Son,

Makes His eternal counsels known;

Here, love in richest mercy shines,

And truth is shown in noble lines.

2 Here sinners of a humble frame,

May taste His grace and learn His name,

And see in characters of blood, The mercy of a pard'ning God.

3 Here faith reveals to mortal eyes

A brighter world above the skies;

Here shines the light which guides our way,

From earth, to realms of endless day.

4 Here wisdom all her light imparts,

To teach our minds and move our hearts:

Such influence bids the sinner live,

And makes the burdened soul revive.

5 O grant us grace, our Saviour God,

To understand Your holy word;

With meekness, all its truth receive,

And by its light, for ever live.

Benjamin Beddome, 1717-95 Thomas Cotterill, 1779-1823

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Ps 19:8-14

88.88

God's precepts are righteous and just,

Rejoicing the heart and the mind;

And all his commandments are pure,

Enlight'ening the eyes of the blind.

2 The fear of the Lord is most clean,

For ever unmoved has it stood; His judgements are perfect and true,

In all things most righteous and good.

3 Such treasures no gold can supply,

Such sweetness no honey afford;

And they who its warnings obey,

Shall find an abundant reward.

4 O who can his errors discern?
From hidden faults, Lord, keep me free;
Let pride never reign in my heart,
And clear of great sin I shall be.

5 I pray that my words and my thoughts May all with Your precepts accord, And ever be pleasing to You, My Rock, my Redeemer, my Lord.

The Psalter, 1912

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Jer 18:6

54.54.54.54

Have Your own way, Lord, Have Your own way; You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mould me and make me After Your will, While I am waiting, Yielded and still.

2 Have Your own way, Lord, Have Your own way; Search me and try me, Master, today. Whiter than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, As in Your presence Humbly I bow.

3 Have Your own way, Lord, Have Your own way; Wounded and weary, Help me, I pray. Yours is the power, Surely not mine; Touch me and heal me, Saviour divine.

4 Have Your own way, Lord, Have Your own way; Hold o'er my being Absolute sway. Fill with Your Spirit Till all shall see Christ only, always, Living in me.

Adelaide A Pollard, 1862-1934*

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1 Cor 3:11

77.77

Holy Spirit, from on high, Bend on us a pit'ying eye; Animate the drooping heart, Bid the pow'r of sin depart.

2 Light up every dark recess Of our heart's ungodliness; Show us every devious way Where our steps have gone astray.

3 Teach us, with repentant grief, Humbly to implore relief; Then the Saviour's blood reveal,

And our broken spirits heal.

4 Other groundwork should we lay,

Sweep those empty hopes away;

Make us know that Christ alone

Can for human guilt atone.

5 May we daily grow in grace, And pursue the heav'nly race, Trained in wisdom, led by love,

Till we reach our home above.

William Hiley Bathurst, 1796-1877

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Ps 119:105-112

CM

How precious is the book divine,
By inspiration giv'n;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines

shine,
To guide our souls to heav'n.

2 Lord, I have made Your word my choice,My lasting heritage;Here shall my noblest pow'rs rejoice,

My warmest thoughts engage.

3 I'll read the hist'ries of Your love, And keep Your laws in sight; While through Your promises I'll rove

With ever fresh delight.

4 Here is a land of wealth unknown,

Where springs of life arise; Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,

And hidden glory lies.

5 The sole relief that mourners have,
This makes our sorrows blest;

Our glorious hope beyond the grave,

And our eternal rest.

John Fawcett, 1739-1817 Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Ps 119:145-148

CM

I cried with my whole heart, O Lord,

My being was aflame; I cried that You might light afford

To honour Your great name.

2 I cried before the dawn of day,

To beat the rising sun,
For in the light of Your sure
way

Had hope of rest begun.

3 I'll keep Your testimonies fair,

And meditate on them; When moments of sound sleep are rare My joy's Jerusalem!

John Goris, 1937-

99

Ps 119:105 CM

Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace
Our path when wont to stray;
Stream from the fount of heav'nly grace,
Brook by the trav'ller's way;

- 2 Bread of our souls, whereon we feed,True manna from on high;Our guide and chart, wherein we readOf realms beyond the sky;
- 3 Pillar of fire through watches dark, And radiant cloud by day; When waves would whelm our tossing bark, Our anchor and our stay;
- 4 Word of the ever-living God,Will of His glorious Son;Without You how could earth be trod?Or heav'n itself be won?
- 5 Lord, grant that we aright may learn The wisdom it imparts;

And to its heav'nly teaching turn
With simple, childlike hearts.

Bernard Barton, 1784-1849

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Eph 3:19

87.87.D

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us Your humble dwelling,
All Your faithful mercies

crown.
Jesus, You are all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love impart;
Visit us with Your salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

- 2 Breathe, O, breathe Your loving Spirit
 Into every troubled breast;
 Let us all in You inherit,
 Let us find Your promised rest;
 Take away the love of sinning,
 Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all Your life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Never more Your temples leave:

You we would be always blessing, Serve You as Your hosts above, Pray, and praise You without ceasing,

Glory in Your perfect love.

4 Finish, then, Your new creation:

Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Your great salvation, Restored in You perfectly: Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns down freely,

Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88*

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John 14:16

O Breath of God, breathe on us now,

And move within us while we pray;

We know not what to ask, nor how.

You are the light of our new day.

2 How closely You are with us, Lord,

Neither in height nor depth to seek;

In nearness shall Your voice be heard;

Spirit to spirit You do speak.

3 Christ is our Advocate on high:

You are our Advocate within;

O, plead the truth, and make reply

To every argument of sin.

4 But O, this faithless heart of mine!

The way I know, I know my Guide:

Forgive me, O my Friend divine,

That I so often turn aside.

5 Be with me when no other friend

The myst'ery of my heart can share;

And be You known, when fears transcend,

By Your best name of Comforter.

Alfred Henry Vine, 1845-1917*

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Prov 3:13-17

CM

O happy is the man who hears

Instruction's warning voice! And who celestial wisdom makes

His early, only choice.

2 For she has treasures greater far,

Than east or west unfold; And her rewards more

precious are,

Than all the stores of gold.

3 In her right hand she holds to view

A length of happy days, Riches of soul, with honours joined

Are what her left displays.

4 She guides the young with light and grace
The heav'nly path to tread;
A crown of glory she bestows
Upon the aged head.

5 According as her labours rise,
So her rewards increase:
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.

Michael Bruce, 1746-67

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Ps 119:65-72

LM

O how I love Your holy word Your gracious covenant, O Lord!

It guides me in the peaceful way,

I think upon it all the day.

2 Long unafflicted, undismayed,

In pleasure's path secure I strayed,

Then did I feel Your chast'ning rod,

Which turned me unto You, my God.

3 Although it pierced my stubborn heart,

I'll bless the Hand that caused the smart;

It taught my tears awhile to flow.

But saved me from eternal woe.

4 If You had left me unchastised,

Your precepts would still be despised;

And still the snare by Satan laid

Had my unwary soul betrayed.

5 I love You, therefore, O my God,

And look towards Your dear abode;

Where in Your presence fully blest,

Your chosen saints for ever rest.

William Cowper, 1731-1800

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Heb 4:12

76.76.D

O Spirit, how we thank You For giving us Your word. Please bless its proclamation, The truths that we have heard. Indwell us and empow'r us, And cause us to obey; Shine now the light of Scripture On all we do and say.

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2 Great Artist of the Scriptures In beauty You have made God's word to shine in glory That cannot fail or fade. In poetry and proverbs, Through narrative and line; In prophecy and hist'ry, God's truth in splendour shines.

3 You, down through many ages,
Inspi'red men to write,
Progressively revealing,
You brought God's truth to

light.

O Spirit, come illumine This truth for us today; And guide us in sound doctrine,

The strait and narrow way.

4 Wield now Your sword, O Spirit,

The pow'rful, living, word, And rend our hearts asunder With truths that we have heard.

O search us now and know us, Expose iniquity;

Conform us to our Saviour, And holy we shall be.

Kenneth A Puls, 1962-

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Joel 2:28

LM

O Spirit of the living God,

In all the fullness of Your grace,

Where'er the foot of man has trod,

Descend upon our fallen race.

2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love

To preach the reconciling word;

Give pow'r and unction from above,

Whene'er the joyful sound is heard.

3 Let darkness, at Your coming, light;

Confusion, order in Your path; Souls without strength inspire with might;

Bid mercy tri'umph over wrath.

4 O Spirit of our God, prepare All the round earth her God to meet:

Breathe out new life, like morning air,

Till hearts of stone begin to beat.

5 Baptise the nations; far and near,

The tri'umphs of the cross record;

Till Christ in glory shall appear And every race declare him Lord!

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

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RM 8:14

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Open, Lord, my inward ear, And bid my heart rejoice; Bid my quiet spirit hear The comfort of Your voice; Never in the whirlwind found, Or where earthquakes rock the place, Still and silent is the sound,

The whisper of Your grace.

2 From the world of sin and noise

And hurry I withdraw; For the small and inward voice I wait with humble awe: Silent am I now and still. Dare not in Your presence move;

To my waiting soul reveal The secret of Your love.

3 Show me, as my soul can bear,

The depth of inbred sin; All the unbelief declare, The pride that lurks within; Take me, whom Yourself has bought,

Bring into captivity Every high unstooping thought

That lies deep down in me.

4 Lord, my time is in Your hand, My soul to You convert; You can make me understand, Though I am slow of heart;

Yours in whom I live and move,

Yours the praise, Your work divine;

You are wisdom, pow'r and love,

And all You are is mine.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88*

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Ps 119:18

88.98.888.4

 $oldsymbol{O}$ pen my eyes, that I may see Glimpses of truth You have for me;

Place in my hands the wonderful key

That shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait to see, Reveal, my God, Your will to

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear

Voices of truth You send so clear;

And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,

Everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait to see, Reveal, my God, Your will to me;

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth and let me bear

Tidings of mercy everywhere; Open my heart and make me aware

That with Your own, Your love to share.

Silently now I wait to see, Reveal, my God, Your will to me;

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

4 Open my mind, that I may read

More of Your grace on which to feed;

What shall I fear while still You do lead?

Grant me Your insight, Lord, I plead.

Silently now I wait to see, Reveal, my God, Your will to me;

Open my mind, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Clara H Scott, 1841-97 Frederick P Morris*

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Hab 3:2

Revive Your work, O Lord! Your mighty arm make bare; Speak with the voice that wakes the dead,

And make Your people hear.

2 Revive Your work, O Lord! While here to You we bow;

Descend, O gracious Lord, descend:

O come and bless us now!

3 Revive Your work, O Lord! Exalt Your precious name; And may Your love in every heart

Be kindled to a flame!

4 Revive Your work, O Lord! And bless to all Your word! And may its pure and sacred truth

In living faith be heard!

5 Revive Your work, O Lord! Create soul-thirst for You; And hung'ring for the bread of life,

Our spirits, Lord, renew!

6 Revive Your work, O Lord! Give Pentecostal show'ers; The glory shall be all Your own,

The blessing, Lord, be ours!

Albert Midlane, 1825-1909*

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Ps 139:23

CM

Search me, O God! my actions try
And let my life appear

As seen by Your all-searching eye,

To mine my ways make clear.

2 Search all my sense and know my heart,
Who only can make known
And let the deep, the hidden part

To me be fully shown.

3 Throw light into the darkened cells
Where passion reigns within;
Quicken my conscience till it feels
The loathsomeness of sin.

4 Search all my thoughts, the secret springs,
The motives that control;
The rebel heart where evil things

Hold empire o'er the soul.

5 Search, till Your fiery glance has cast Its holy light through all And I by grace am brought at last Before Your face to fall.

6 Thus prostrate I shall learn to see, What now I feebly prove, That God alone in Christ can be Unutterable love! Francis Bottome, 1823-94*

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1 Sam 3:9 65.65

Speak, Lord, in the stillness, While I am ready;

Hush my heart to listen In expectancy.

2 Speak, O bless'ed Master, In this quiet hour; Let me see Your face, Lord, Feel Your touch of pow'r.

3 For the words You're speaking,
They are life indeed;
Living Bread from heaven,
Now my spirit feed!

4 All to You is yielded, I am not my own; Blissful, glad surrender, I am Yours alone.

5 Speak, Lord, I am list'ening, Be not silent, now; For Your word I'm waiting, Before You I bow.

6 Fill me with the knowledge Of Your glorious will; All Your own good pleasure In Your child fulfil.

E May Grimes, 1868-1927*

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Acts 2:2

CM

Spirit divine, inspire our pray'r,
And make our hearts Your home;
Descend with all Your gracious pow'r,
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light; reveal our need,

Our hidden failings show, And lead us in those paths of life

Where all on the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire and clean our hearts With purifying flame; Let our whole soul an offering

To our Redeemer's name.

4 Come as the dove and spread Your wings, The wings of peace and love, Until Your church on earth below

Joins with Your church above.

5 Come as the wind; with rushing sound And all-inspiring grace; That needy sinners here may

The glory of Your face.

6 Spirit divine, inspire our pray'r,

Make this lost world Your home;

Descend with all Your gracious pow'r,

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Andrew Reed, 1787-1862

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1 Cor 12:3

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Spirit of faith, come down,

Reveal the things of God, And make to us the Godhead known. And witness with the blood.

'Tis Yours the blood t' apply, And give us eyes to see Who did for guilty sinners die Has surely died for me.

- 2. No one can truly say That Jesus is the Lord. Unless You take the veil away, And breathe the living word; Then, only then, we feel Our interest in His blood. And cry, with joy unspeakable: You are my Lord, my God!
- 3. O that the world might know

The all atoning Lamb! Spirit of faith, descend and show

The virtue of His name: The grace which all may find, The saving pow'r, impart, And testify to humankind, And speak in every heart.

4. Inspire the living faith Which whosoev'r receives. The witness in himself he has And consciously believes; The faith that conquers all, And does the mountain move, And saves whoe'er on Jesus call.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

And perfects them in love.

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2 Pet 1:21

96.96.86.86

Spirit of God who moved holy men To write for us God's word: You speak to us now as You did then;

Through it our hearts You search.

Unseen and mighty as the wind, Gently You persuade us, Till we submit, ne'er to rescind, Our lives to Christ Jesus.

2 Spirit of God who gives light to men,

That they might know the truth:

Do not leave us with our wounds open;

Heal us, our conscience soothe.

3 Spirit of God who stops evil

From harming more the church:

Comfort, relief, and help to us send;

Mold us, and our sins purge.

Bronson Paul, 1954-

114

Jer 31:33

DCM

The law that once was placed by God

On tablets made of stone Is now engraved on every heart

Whom Christ has called His own.

These words that once condemned for sins

And showed the wrath of God Are now the Christian's great delight,

Made precious by the blood.

2 The Lord is God and He alone

Is worthy of our love;

For He has raised us from the pit

To dwell with Him above.

The Lord is jealous of our love;

All idols He abhors,

But those, in spirit and in truth,

Who seek Him He adores.

3 How precious are the names of God,

His nature they declare;

But those who use His name in vain,

The wrath of God will bear. And precious is the sabbath day,

The gath'ring of the church, Who come expectant of their Lord.

His word to know and search.

4 The Lord has said that we must love

And honour we must give

To fathers, mothers He has giv'n
To touch us how to live

To teach us how to live.
All murder, theft, adultery,
All coveting and lies;
These sine the Christian must

These sins the Christian must forsake,

Lest him God will chastise.

5 All those who cast aside these words And spurn them in this day Do show that they are not of

Despite what they may say. For what are these Ten Words but this:

The will of God revealed?
For unto love to God and man
The saints are saved and
sealed.

Kenneth A Puls, 1962-

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God.

Ps 119:130

CM

The Spirit breathes upon the word,
And brings the truth to sight;
Precepts and promises afford
A sanctifying light.

- 2 A glory gilds the sacred page,Majestic, like the sun:It gives a light to every age;It gives, but borrows none.
- 3 The hand that gave it still supplies

The gracious light and heat: Its truths upon the nations rise;

They rise, but never set.

4 All thanks to You, Spirit divine,

For such a bright display; As makes a world of darkness shine

With beams of heav'nly day.

5 My soul rejoices to pursue The steps of Him I love, Till glory breaks upon my view In brighter worlds above.

William Cowper, 1731-1800*

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Lk 24:27

CM

The volume of my Father's grace

Does all my thirst assuage;

Here I behold my Saviour's face

In almost every page.

- 2 This is the field where hidden lies
 The pearl of price unknown;
 That merchant is divinely wise
 Who makes the pearl his own.
- 3 Here consecrated water flows

To purge my love of sin; Here the fair tree of knowledge grows: No danger dwells therein.

4 Here is the judge that ends all strife,
Where wit and reason fail;
My guide to everlasting life
Through all this earthly vale.

5 O may Your counsels, mighty God,My roving feet command,Nor I forsake the happy roadThat leads to Your right hand.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Zech 13:1 CM

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to seeThat fountain in his day;And there may I, as vile as he,Wash all my sins away.

3 Dear dying Lamb! Your precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.

4 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream

Your flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme,

And shall be till I die.

5 Then, in a nobler, sweeter song

I'll sing Your pow'r to save, When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue Lies silent in the grave.

William Cowper, 1731-1800

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2 Tim 3:16

CM

We have an all-sufficient word

To make the simple wise; Upon the heart the Spirit writes

And souls from death arise.

2 With such a mighty, wielded sword,

What more could saints require

To fight the darkness of their sin,

And warn men of hell fire?

3 We have a faithful, shining light

To show us God's right way And bring correction and reproof,

When from this path we stray.

4 'Tis God's commands that light our way;Such comfort and delightTo guide us on our pilgrimage,A beacon shining bright!

5 Lord, help us preach and trust Your word,The hearts of men to turn;A savour unto life or death,It cannot void return.

6 Yes, help us preach Your word alone,

For it alone is true;

We need not clowns or luring games

To draw men unto You!

7 We have an all-sufficient word,

God-breathed in every part; A piercing pow'r to penetrate Depraved, cold human hearts.

Kenneth A Puls, 1962-

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Eph 1:13-14

88.88.88

When shall I hear the inward voice
Which only faithful souls can hear?
Pardon, and peace, and heav'nly joys
Come by the promised

Come by the promised Comforter;

I cannot rest in sins forgiv'n,

Where is the earnest of my heav'n?

2 Where is the sure and certain seal

That ascertains the kingdom mine?

The pow'rful stamp I long to feel,

The signature of love divine:
O shed it in my heart abroad,
Fulness of love, of heav'n, of
God!

3 Come, Holy Comforter, O come!

Nor visit as a passing guest, But make in me Your constant home,

And take possession of my breast,

O say that righteousness divine,

And Christ, and all with Christ, are mine!

Charles Wesley, 1707-88*

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Isa 55:11

88.88.88

Your presence, gracious God, afford,

Prepare us to receive Your word:

Now let Your voice engage our ear,

And faith be mixed with what we hear.

- Open our hearts, O Lord, and bless,
- And crown Your gospel with success.
- 2 Distracting thoughts and cares remove,
- And fix our minds and hopes above;
- With food divine may we be fed,
- And satisfied with living bread.
- 3 To us the sacred word apply,

- With sov'reign pow'r and energy;
- And may we, moved by faith and fear,
- Reduce to practice what we hear.
- 4 Father, to us, Your Son reveal,
- Teach us to know and do Your will,
- Your saving pow'r and love display,
- And guide us to the realms of day.

John Fawcett, 1739-1817*

4 Response to God's Word

4.1 Gospel Call; Repentance; Submission

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1 Cor 15:3

CM

Alas! and did my Saviour bleed?
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

2 Was it for sins that I had done

He ground upon the tree?

He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty
Maker, died
For man the creature's sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears, Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt my eyes to tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'Tis all that I can do. Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 122

Isa 25:4; 32:2

76.86.86.86

Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand, The shadow of a mighty rock, Within a weary land; A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way, From the burning of the noontide heat, And the burden of the day.

2 O safe and happy shelter!
O refuge tried and sweet!
O trysting-place where
heaven's love
And heaven's justice meet!
As to the holy patriarch
That wondrous dream was
giv'n,
So seems my Saviour's cross to
me,
A ladder up to heav'n.

3 There lies beneath its shadow,
But on the farther side,
The darkness of an awful grave
That gapes both deep and

wide;
And there between us stands the cross,
Two arms outstretched to

Two arms outstretched to save,

Like a watchman set to guard the way

From that eternal grave.

4 Upon that cross of Jesus Mine eyes at times can see The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me: And from my smitten heart with tears

Two wonders I confess: The wonders of His glorious love,

And my own worthlessness.

5 I take, O Cross, your shadow, For my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of His face; Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss: My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.

Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane, 1830-69*

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Acts 16:30 CM

Come, O our all-victorious Lord,

Your pow'r to us make known; Strike with the hammer of Your word,

And break these hearts of stone.

2 O that we all might now begin

Our foolishness to mourn, And leave at once the paths of sin.

And to our Saviour turn!

3 Give us ourselves and You to know.

Make this salvation's day; Repentance unto life bestow, And take our sins away.

4 Show us our sin and unbelief,

And then from guilt release; Fill every soul with sacred grief,

And then with sacred peace.

5 That bless'ed sense of guilt impart,

And then remove the load; Trouble, then wash the troubled heart In the atoning blood.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

Isa 55:1

87.87.47

Come, you sinners, poor and needy,

Weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save

Full of pity, love, and pow'r; He is able.

He is willing; doubt no more.

2 Now, you needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief, and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh;
Without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

3 Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness that He looks for Is to feel your need of Him:

This He gives you:

'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

4 Come, you weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you wait until you're better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous,
Sinners Jesus came to call.

5 View Him prostrate in the garden,

On the ground your Maker lies!

On the awful tree behold Him, Hear Him cry before He dies, It is finished! Sinner, will not this suffice?

6 Lo! th' incarnate God, ascended, Pleads the merit of His blood: Venture on Him, venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude; None but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good.

Joseph Hart, 1712-68*

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Lk 24:45

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Give me a sight, O Saviour, Of Your wondrous love to me, Of the love that brought You down to earth, To die on Calvary.

O make me understand it, Help me to take it in, What it meant to You, the Holy One,

To bear away my sin.

2 Was it the nails, O Saviour, That bound You to the tree? No, 'twas Your everlasting love,

Your love for me, for me.

3 O wonder of all wonders, That through Your death for me

My open sins, my secret sins, Can all forgiven be!

4 Then melt my heart, O
Saviour,
Bend me and break me down,
Until I own You Conqueror,
And Lord and Sov'reign
crown.

Katherine Agnes May Kelly, 1869-1942

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Ps 51

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God of unfathomable love, Whose stores of deep compassion move To Adam's fallen race: Here, at Your feet, a sinner see, In tender mercy look on me, And all my sins efface.

2 You, Holy God, have I defied;

In judgement You are justified; Why should I be forgiv'n? I long abused Your patient grace,

And long provoked You to Your face;

I dared the wrath of heav'n.

3 O let Your love to me o'erflow,

Your all-surpassing kindness show:

Abundantly forgive; Remove my vile and guilty

load, Blot out my sin with Jesus's

blood,
And bid this sinner live.

4 Take the strong pow'r of sin away,

Nor let me in its bondage stay; My inmost soul convert;

O wash me from my ugly stain,

Come, Lord, and make me throughly clean, Create me pure in heart.

5 God of unfathomable love, Give me Your Spirit from above;

As I my life commit,

To You to serve, Your name to praise;

Nothing mine own to plead my case,

Save Calvary's merit.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88 v 5 added

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Isa 6:8

87.87.D

Have you heard the voice of Jesus

Softly pleading with your heart?

Have you felt His presence glorious,

As He calls your soul apart, With a love so true and loyal, Love divine that ever flows From a Saviour, righteous, royal,

And a cross that mercy shows?

2 Have you heard the voice of mercy

Granting peace and pardon pure?

Have you felt the balm of Calv'ry

Binding all your wounds secure?

Was there ever such salvation? Was there ever care like this?

See the Saviour's grief and passion,

Grace and mercy's gentle kiss.

3 Have you heard the Saviour calling

All to leave and follow Him? Have you felt His person drawing

With compulsion lives to win? Hearken to His invitation, To the music of God's grace; Let the peace of God's salvation

Fill your soul, and love embrace.

4 Will you hear the voice of Jesus

Calling home to mansions fair?

Will you know the promise precious,

And the Shepherd's tender care?

Yes, if you in life responded To God's grace and gospel sound:

For they never are confounded Who believed and Jesus found.

William Vernon Higham, 1926-2016

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Lk 18:13

Hear, gracious God, a sinner's cry!

I.M

For I have nowhere else to fly;

No other hope than You I see: O God, be merciful to me!

2 To You I come, a sinner poor, And wait for mercy at Your door;

For, Lord, I've nowhere else to flee;

O God, be merciful to me!

3 To You I come, a sinner weak,

Scarce knowing how to pray or speak;

From fear and weakness set me free:

O God, be merciful to me!

4 To You I come, a sinner vile, Upon me, Lord, be pleased to smile,

Mercy alone I make my plea: O God, be merciful to me!

5 To You I come, a sinner great,

And well You know my aweful state;

Great Your forgiveness as the sea:

O God, be merciful to me!

6 To You I come, a sinner lost, Having no worth in which to trust;

But where You are, Lord, I would be:

O God, be merciful to me!

Samuel Medley, 1738-99*

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Mt 11:28-30

SM+

I hear the welcome voice
Of Jesus calling me,
For cleansing in His precious
blood
That flowed on Calvary.

I am coming, Lord, Coming near quickly, Wash me, cleanse me, in the blood That flowed on Calvary.

2 Though coming weak and vile,You do my strength assure;You do my vileness fully cleanse,Till spotless all and pure.

3 'Tis Jesus calls me on
To perfect faith and love,
To perfect hope and peace and
trust,
For earth and heav'n above.

4 'Tis Jesus who confirms The bless'ed work within, By adding grace to welcomed

grace,

Where reigned the pow'r of sin.

Lewis Hartsough, 1828-1919*

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Ps 57:1

77.77.D

Jesus! Lover of my soul, Let me to Your bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high: Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, Till the storm of life is past, Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none, Hangs my helpless soul on You!

Leave, ah, leave me not alone, Grant support and comfort

All my trust on You is stayed, All my help from You I bring; Cover my defenceless head With the shadow of Your wing.

3 You, O Christ, are all I want, More than all in You I find; Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,

Heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is Your name, I am all unrighteousness; Vile and full of sin I am, You are full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with You is found,

Grace to pardon all my sin; Let the healing streams abound,

Make and keep me pure within.

Life's true fountain is in You, Let me draw from You alone; Fill my thirsting soul anew, Till I arrive safely home.

Charles Wesley, 1701-88*

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Mk 9:24

CM

 ${f J}$ esus! Redeemer, Saviour, Lord, The weary sinner's Friend, Come to my help, pronounce the word. And bid my troubles end.

2 Deliv'rance to my soul proclaim, And life, and liberty; Shed forth the virtue of Your name, Reveal Yourself to me!

3 Faith to be healed, I long to have,

O may it now be giv'n; You can the vilest sinners save, And make them fit for heav'n.

4 You can o'ercome this heart of mine.

And all-victorious prove; Yours, everlasting strength divine, And everlasting love.

5 Your mighty Spirit shall subdue

Unconquerable sin, Cleanse this foul heart, and make it new.

And write Your law within.

6 Bound fast by countless earthly ties, Yet let me hear Your call;

My fettered soul shall then arise,

Obey and break through all.

Augustus Montague Toplady, 1740-78 Charles Wesley, 1707-88*

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John 1:29

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 ${f J}$ ust as I am, without one

But that Your blood was shed for me,

And You bid sinners, "Come to Me."

O Lamb of God, I come!

2 Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot.

To You, whose blood can cleanse each spot,

O Lamb of God, I come!

3 Just as I am, though tossed about

With many a conflict, many a doubt.

Fightings and fears within, without,

O Lamb of God, I come!

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;

Sight, riches, healing of the mind.

Yes, all I need, in You to find, O Lamb of God, I come!

5 Just as I am, You will receive,

Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;

Since it's Your promise I believe,

O Lamb of God, I come!

6 Just as I am, Your love unknown

Has broken every barrier down;

Now to be Yours, yes, Yours alone,

O Lamb of God, I come!

Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871*

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Mt 11:28

88.88.88

Loosed from my God, and far removed,

Long have I wandered to and fro,

Through life in endless circles round,

Not finding peace and rest below:

To You, my God, at last I fly, O bless me Saviour, now draw nigh.

2 Selfish pursuits and pleasure's maze,

The things of earth, for You I leave;

Stretch forth Your pard'ning hand of grace,

And my lost life to You receive;

Take this unstable soul of mine.

And to You, Saviour, ever bind.

3 Fill me with life, and love, and peace,

Stablish and keep my settled heart:

In You may all my wand'rings cease,

From You no more may I depart;

Your utmost kindness may I prove,

Loved with an everlasting love!

Charles Wesley, 1707-88*

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Lk 7:22

LM

Lord, I was blind, I could not see

In Your marred visage any grace;

But now the beauty of Your face

In radiant vision dawns on me.

2 Lord, I was deaf, I could not hear

The thrilling music of Your voice;

But now I hear You and rejoice,

And sweet are all Your words, and dear.

3 Lord, I was dumb, I could not speak

The grace and glory of Your name:

But now, as touched with living flame,

My lips Your eager praises wake.

4 Lord, I was dead, I could not stir

My lifeless soul to come to You;

But now, since You have made me new,

I rise from sin's dark sepulchre.

5 For You have made the blind to see,

The deaf to hear, the dumb to speak,

The dead to live; and You did break

The chains of my captivity. William Tidd Matson, 1833-99*

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Heb 12:2

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My faith looks up to You, Calvary comes to view, Saviour divine: Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away; O, let Your peace this day Upon me shine. 2 May Your rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire: As You have died for me,

And from sin's pow'r set free, Let my love to You be, A living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,

And griefs around me spread, Be, Lord, my Guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray From You aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,

When death's cold, sullen stream

Shall o'er me roll, Blest Saviour, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove; O, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul.

Ray Palmer, 1808-87*

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Eph 2:8-9

SM

Not what these hands have done

Can save this guilty soul; Not what this toiling flesh has borne

Can make my spirit whole.

2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;

Not all my pray'rs, and sighs, and tears Can bear my awful load.

3 Your work alone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin; Your blood alone, O Lamb of God,

Can give me peace within.

4 Your love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to You, Can rid me of sin's dark unrest,

And make my nature new.

5 Your grace alone, O God, To me can pardon speak; Your pow'r alone, O Son of God,

Can sin's sore bondage break.

6 I bless the Christ of God,I rest on love divine,And with unfalt'ring lip and heartI call this Saviour mine.

Horatius Bonar, 1808-89*

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Ezek 36:26

O for a glance of heav'nly

To take this stubborn heart away;

And thaw with beams of love divine

This heart, this frozen heart of mine.

2 The rocks may rend, the earth may quake;

The seas can roar, the mountains shake:

Of feeling, all things show some sign,

But this unfeeling heart of mine.

3 To hear the sorrows You have felt,

The hardest flint on earth would melt:

But can I read each tender line,

And nothing move this heart of mine?

4 Your judgements, too, which devils fear,

Amazing thought! unmoved I hear;

Goodness and wrath in vain combine

To stir this senseless heart of mine.

5 But there's One who can do the deed,

And His resistless touch I need!

Your Spirit can my dross refine,

And move and melt this heart of mine.

Joseph Hart, 1712-68

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Hos 14:4

88.88.88

O Jesus, full of truth and grace,

More full of grace than I of sin,

Yet once again I seek Your face;

Open Your arms and take me in,

And freely my backslidings heal,

And love the faithless sinner still.

2 You know the way to bring me back,

My fallen spirit to restore;

O, for Your truth and mercy's sake,

Forgive, and bid me sin no more;

The ru'ins of my soul repair, And make my heart a house of pray'r.

3 The stone to flesh do You convert,

The trait of sinfulness remove; O speak into my wayward heart,

And melt it down by dying love;

This rebel heart, O now subdue,

And make it tender, form it new.

4 O give me, Lord, the tender heart

That trembles at th' approach of sin;

A godly fear of sin impart, Implant, and root it deep within,

That I may dread Your gracious pow'r,

And never dare offend You more.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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2 Cor 5:21

CM

O Lord, from whom nothing's concealed, Who sees my inward frame; To You I always stand revealed Exactly as I am!

2 Since I, at times, can hardly bear

What in myself I see; How vile and foul must I appear,

To You, God most holy!

3 But since my Saviour stands between,

Who shed His precious blood, 'Tis He, instead of me who's seen,

When I approach to God.

4 Thus, though a sinner, I am safe:

He pleads before the throne His life and death on my behalf,

And calls my sins His own.

5 What wondrous love, what mysteries,

In this arrangement shine! My breaches of the law are His,

And His obedience mine.

John Newton, 1725-1807*

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Mt 26:64 LM

O shrink, my soul, when man in sin

Dares mocking Christ, the crucified,

Who in apparent weakness then

For guilty sinners bled and died.

2 They still mock Him, who now above

In glory reigns: unseen indeed.

They still reject the King of love.

Their only hope in time of need.

3 Oh, He shall to this earth return

And all who ever lived shall stand

Before His judgement throne and learn

That mockers shall from heav'n be banned.

4 God is not mocked, we'll one day see;

For what one sows in time before,

One harvests in eternity.
O come, my soul, turn to the Lord!

John Goris, 1937-

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Col 1:13

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Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,

Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come! Into Your freedom, gladness, and light,

Jesus, I come to You!

Out of my sickness into Your health,

Out of my want and into Your wealth,

Out of my sin and into Yourself,

Jesus, I come to You!

2 Out of my shameful failure and loss,

Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come! Into the glorious gain of Your cross,

Jesus, I come to You!

Out of earth's sorrows into Your balm,

Out of life's storm and into Your calm,

Out of distress to jubilant psalm,

Jesus, I come to You!

3 Out of unrest and arrogant pride,

Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come! Into Your bless'ed will to abide,

Jesus, I come to You!
Out of myself to dwell in Your love,

Out of despair to raptures above,

Upward always on wings like a dove,

Jesus, I come to You!

4 Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,

Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come! Into the joy and light of Your home,

Jesus, I come to You! Out of the depths of ru'in untold,

Into the peace of Your shelt'ring fold,
Ever Your glorious face to behold,

Jesus, I come to You!

W. T. Sleeper, 1840-1920

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Mt 9:12

Physician of my sin-sick soul, To You I bring my case; My raging malady control,

2 Pity the anguish I endure, See how I mourn and pine;

And heal me by Your grace.

For never can I gain a cure But from Your hand divine.

3 I would disclose my whole complaint,

But where shall I begin? No words of mine can fully paint

The picture of my sin.

4 It lies not in a single part, But through my life is spread; With deep corruption in my heart,

And evil in my head.

5 It makes me deaf, and dumb, and blind,
Disfigured, weak and lame;
And overclouds and fills my mind

With folly, self and shame.

6 O Lord of mercy, hear my cry,

And set my spirit free: You will let not a sinner die Who seeks You for mercy.

John Newton, 1725-1807*

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Ps 18:2

CM

77.77.77

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, To You I for safety flee; Let the water and the blood, From Your wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure; Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labour of my hands Can fulfil Your law's demands: Could my zeal no respite know,

Could my tears for ever flow, All for sin could not atone; You must save, and You alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Your cross I cling; Naked, come to You for dress; Helpless, look to You for grace;

Foul, I to the Fountain fly, Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,

When my eyelids close in death.

When I soar to worlds unknown,

See You on Your judgement throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, To You I for safety flee.

Augustus Montague Toplady, 1740-78*

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Ps 51:12

10.10.10.10

Weary of earth, and laden with my sin,
I look at heav'n and long to enter in;

But there no evil thing may find a home,

And yet I hear a voice that bids me come.

2 So vile I am, how dare I hope to stand

In the pure glory of that holy land?

Before the brightness of that throne appear?

Yet there are hands stretched out to draw me near.

3 How can a sinner tread the heav'nly way?

Evil is ever with me day by day;

Yet, from the Lord, I hear a gracious call:

"Repent, believe, and be released from all."

4 It is the voice of Jesus that I hear;

His are the hands stretched out to draw me near,

And His the blood that can for me atone,

And set me faultless there before the throne.

5 There, You will answer for me, righteous Lord;

Yours all the merit, mine the great reward;

Yours the sharp thorns, and mine the golden crown;

Mine the life won, and Yours the life laid down.

Samuel John Stone, 1839-1900

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Lk 18:13

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With broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry;
Your pard'ning grace is rich and free;

O God! be merciful to me.

2 I smite upon my troubled breast,

With deep and conscious guilt oppressed:

Christ and His cross my only plea;

O God! be merciful to me.

3 Far off I stand with tearful eyes,

Nor dare uplift them to the skies;

But You do all my anguish see; O God! be merciful to me.

4 Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done,

Can for a single sin atone; To Calvary alone I flee; O God! be merciful to me.

5 And when, redeemed from sin and hell.

With all the ransomed throng I dwell,

My raptured song shall ever be,

God has been merciful to me.

Cornelius Elven, 1797-1873

4.2 Trust; Thanksgiving; Consecration

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Phil 1:6

88.88.D

A debtor to mercy alone, Of covenant mercy I sing; Nor fear, with Your righteousness on, My person and off'ring to bring;

The terrors of law and of God With me can have nothing to do;

My Saviour's obedience and blood

Hide all my transgressions from view.

2 The work which His goodness began,

The arm of His strength will complete;

His promise is Yes and Amen, And never was forfeited yet; Things future, nor things that are now.

Nor all things below or above, Can make Him His purpose forgo,

Or sever my soul from His love.

3 My name from the palms of
His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it
remains,
In marks of indelible grace;
Yes, I to the end shall endure,

As sure as the earnest is giv'n; More happy, but not more secure,

The glorified spirits in heav'n.

Augustus Montague Toplady, 1740-78

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Ex 13:18

87.87.D

All the way my Saviour leads me:

What have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide?

Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,

Here by faith in Him to dwell! For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus will do all things well.

2 All the way my Saviour leads me:

Cheers each winding path I tread;

Gives me grace for every tri'al, Feeds me with the living bread.

Though my weary steps may falter,

And my soul may thirsting be, Gushing from the rock before me,

Lo! a spring of joy I see.

3 All the way my Saviour leads me;

O the fulness of His love! Perfect rest to me is promised In my Father's house above. When my spirit, clothed immortal.

Wings its flight to realms of day,

This my song through endless ages,

Jesus led me all the way.

Fanny J. Crosby, 1823-1915

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Eph 2:8

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear,

The hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares

I have already come;

'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,

His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures.

5 Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail,And mortal life shall cease,I shall possess within the veilA life of joy and peace.

6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,

The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,

Will be for ever mine.

John Newton, 1725-1807

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Rm 8:12-17

66.66.88

Arise, my soul, arise, Shake off all doubting fears; The perfect sacrifice In my behalf appears: Before the throne my Sur'ty stands,

My name is written on His hands.

2 He ever lives above,
For me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead;
His blood secures His
ransomed race,

And speaks before the throne of grace.

3 The Father hears Him pray,
His dear Anointed One;
He cannot turn away
The presence of His Son:
His Spirit answers to the
blood,
And tells me I am born of God.

4 My God is reconciled,
His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw
nigh,

And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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Ps 46:10

10.10.10.D

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to your God to order and provide;

In every change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best and heav'nly Friend

Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: the Lord will undertake

To guide the future as He has the past.

Your hope and confidence, let nothing shake;

All now mysterious shall be clear at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know

His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on

When we shall be for ever with the Lord,

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

All safe and bless'ed we shall meet at last.

Katharina von Schlegel, b 1697 tr Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1813-97

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Rm 8:17

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Bless'ed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God:

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Saviour all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,

Visions of rapture bursting on my sight;

Angels descending, bring from above

Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,

I in my Saviour am happy and blest,

Watching and waiting, looking above,

Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Fanny J. Crosby, 1823-1915

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2 Tim 1:12 CM +

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me has been made known;
Nor why, unworthy as I am,
He claimed me for His own.

But "I know whom I have believ'ed;

And am persuaded that He is able

To keep what I have committed Unto Him until that Day."

2 I know not why this saving faith

To me He did impart; Or how believing in His word Wrought peace within my heart.

3 I know not what of good or ill

May be reserved for me, Of weary ways or golden days Before His face I see.

4 I know not when my Lord may come;

I know not how, nor where; If I shall pass the vale of death,

Or meet Him in the air.

Daniel Webster Whittle, 1840-1901

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Ps 116 CM

love the Lord who heard my cry,
And granted my request;

In Him who hears and answers pray'r,

My trust through life shall

My trust through life shall rest.

2 With deadly sorrows compassed round,
My heart was full of grief;
Then to the Lord I made my pray'r,
That He would send relief.

3 The Lord is just and merciful,

And gracious to the meek; He saved me when I cried to Him,

Though I was poor and weak.

4 Return unto your rest, my soul,

No longer troubled be; The Lord's sustaining love has dealt

Most graciously with me.

5 Before my Saviour I will live, From death He saved my soul; My eyes from tears, my feet from falls,

And He has made me whole.

6 In my affliction this I found, That human help deceived; But ever faithful was the Lord, In whom my soul believed.

The Psalter, 1912

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Gal 2:20

87.87.D

I will sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me; How He left the realms of glory,

For the cross on Calvary. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story

Of the Christ who died for me; Sing it with His saints in glory, Gathered by the crystal sea. 2 I was lost, but Jesus found me,

Found the sheep that went astray;

Raised me up and gently led me

Back into the narrow way. Days of darkness still may meet me,

Sorrows paths I oft may tread; But His presence still is with me,

By His guiding hand I'm led.

3 He will keep me till the river Rolls its waters at my feet; Then He'll bear me safely over, Made by grace for glory meet. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story

Of the Christ who died for me; Sing it with the saints in glory, Gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rawley, 1854-1952

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Lk 22:61

CM

In evil long I took delight, Unawed by shame or fear, Till a new wonder shocked my sight,

And stopped my wild career.

2 I saw One hanging on a tree, In agonies and blood, Who fixed His loving eyes on me,

As near His cross I stood.

3 Never until my latest breath Can I forget that look; It seemed to charge me with His death, Though not a word He spoke.

4 My conscience felt and owned the guilt,
And fell to deep despair;
I saw my sins His blood had spilt,
And helped to nail Him there.

5 Another look He gave, which said, "I freely all forgive; This blood has for your ransom paid; I die, that you may live."

6 Thus while His death my sin displays
In all its ugly hue,
Such is the wonder of His grace,
It seals my pardon too.

John Newton, 1725-1807

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Lk 12:32

76.76.D

In heav'nly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here:
The storm may roar without
me,
My heart may low be laid;
But God is round about me,

And can I be dismayed?

2 Wherever He may guide me, No want shall turn me back; My Shepherd is beside me And nothing can I lack: His wisdom is e'er awake, His sight is never dim; He knows the safe way to take And I will walk with Him.

3 Green pastures are before me

Which yet I have not seen; Bright skies will soon be o'er me,

Where the dark clouds have been:

My hope I cannot measure, My path to life is free; My Saviour has my treasure And He will walk with me.

Anna L Waring, 1820-1910

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John 14:27

65.65.65.65.+

Like a river glorious
Is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious
In its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it's flowing
Fuller every day;
Perfect, yet it's growing
Deeper all the way.

Stayed upon Jehovah, Hearts are fully blest; Finding, as He promised, Perfect peace and rest. 2 Hidden in the hollow Of His bless'ed hand, Never foe can follow, Never traitor stand; We may trust Him fully All for us to do; They who trust Him wholly Find Him wholly true.

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-79

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Rev 14:4

76.76.D

Lord Jesus, I have promised To serve You to the end; Be, Lord, for ever near me, My Master and my Friend: I shall not fear the battle If You are by my side, Nor wander from the pathway If You will be my Guide.

2 O, let me feel You near me: The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear; My foes are ever near me, Around me and within; But, O Lord, draw now nearer, And shield my soul from sin.

3 O, let me hear You speaking In accents clear and still, Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will; O, speak to reassure me, To hasten or control; O, speak, and make me listen, You Guardian of my soul.

4 Lord Jesus, You have promised
To all who follow You
That where You are in glory
There shall they all be too;
And, O Lord, I have promised
To serve You to the end;
O, give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

5 O, let me see Your footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Your strength alone:
O, guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heav'n receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode, 1816-74*

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Dt 13:4

10.10.10.10

Lord, You're my vision, the King of my heart;
You only I cling to, from all I part;
You are my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.

2 Lord, You're my wisdom, my sure and true word; I ever with You and You with me, Lord; You my great Father, and I Your true child;

- Through Christ forgiven, with You reconciled.
- 3 Lord, You're my battle-shield, sword for the fight;

You are my dignity, You my delight,

You my soul's shelter, and You my high tow'r:
Raise me heavenward.

O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;

You're my inheritance, now and always:

None but You only, are first in my heart,

High King of heaven, from all else I part.

5 High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won,

May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall.

Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish tr by Elizabeth Byrne, 1880-1931 and Eleanor Henrietta Hull, 1860-1935*

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Ps 40:2

88.88.88

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus's blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame.

But wholly lean on Jesus's name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness seems to veil His face,

I rest on His unchanging grace;

In every rough and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil.

3 His oath, His covenant and

Support me in the 'whelming flood;

When all around my soul gives way,

He then is all my hope and stay.

4 When I shall launch in worlds unseen,

O may I then be found in Him;

Clothed in His righteousness alone,

Faultless to stand before His throne.

Edward Mote, 1797-1874

Ps 126:3

67.67.66.66

Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and voices.

Who wondrous things has done,

In whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, Has blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

2 O, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,

With ever-joyful hearts And His own peace to cheer us;

And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns With Them in highest heaven; The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore:

For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649 tr Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78

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Mic 6:8

CM

O for a closer walk with God,

A calm and heav'nly frame, A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

2 Where is the blesssedness I knew

When first I saw the Lord? Where is the soul-refreshing view

Of Jesus and His word?

3 What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!

How sweet their mem'ry still! But they have left an aching void

The world can never fill.

4 Return, O holy Dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest! I hate the sins that made You mourn,

And drove You from my breast.

5 The dearest idol I have known,

Whene'er it comes to view, Help me to tear it from Your throne,

And worship only You.

6 So shall my walk be close with God,

Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road

That leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper, 1731-1800*

Ps 139:7

76.76.76.76

On mountains and in valleys
Our God is everywhere.
Exalted in the heavens
And on the earth: He's there!
Where'er my thoughts may
wander
Escape Him I shall not!

Escape Him I shall not! Whatever ills may squander, Yet He controls my lot!

2 God's searching eyes
observe me,
His loving heart is near.
His caring hand sustains me,
My cries will reach His ear.
He bids me, "Be not anxious!"
Far more than for the birds
And for the fragrant flowers,
He cares for human worth.

3 When I feel quite forsaken And no one understands. When all my strength is shaken, He holds me in His hands.

He holds me in His hands. When this my life is fading And death agaping waits, I, on His mercy pleading, Shall enter heaven's gates!

John Goris, 1937-

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Eph 1:3-14; Rev 22:1-5 11.7.11.7.D

O'ur God predestined us to adoption—
To the praise of His glory.

Redemption through Jesus's blood, the forgiveness Of our sins – that's the story.

We resolve to live in praise of God our Lord Who showed us love and mercy; God will never leave nor forsake His people, Those blood-bought, from sin set free.

2 The Spirit – the seal of our inheritance,He it is – the guarantee.The gospel proclaimed to all is the methodOrdained for the blind to see.

3 In the New Jerusalem dwell the redeemed, The Lamb, and God Almighty; The river flows from the throne, while the nations Are healed by leaves of the tree.

4 A new song we'll sing to
Him amidst the throne,
In that peaceful home-city;
Just and true are Your ways,
Lord, great and marv'llous
Your works, Lord God
Almighty!

5 Full our joy, and pure our love, and our service, Acceptable and holy; One Shepherd, one flock by the river of life, Blest to all eternity.

Bronson Paul, 1954-

Acts 12:12

DLM

Sweet hour of pray'r! sweet hour of pray'r!

That calls us from a world of care,

And bids us at our Father's throne

Make all our wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief,

Our souls have often found relief,

And oft escaped the tempter's snare

By your return, sweet hour of pray'r!

2 Sweet hour of pray'r! sweet hour of pray'r!

The joys we feel, the bliss we share

Of those whose anxious spirits burn

With strong desires for your return!

With such we hasten to the place

Where God our Saviour shows His face,

And gladly take our station there,

And wait for you, sweet hour of pray'r!

3 Sweet hour of pray'r! sweet hour of pray'r!

Your wings shall my petition bear

To Him whose truth and faithfulness

Engage the waiting souls to bless.

And since He bids us seek His face.

Believe His word, and trust His grace,

We'll cast on Him our every care,

And wait for you, sweet hour of pray'r!

4 Sweet hour of pray'r! sweet hour of pray'r!

May we your consolations share:

From our Father's throne we arise,

Of salvation, all to apprise.

All excuses we'll drop, and rise,

To preach Christ the eternal prize;

Till the trumpet sounds in the air.

Confirming this sweet hour of pray'r.

William W Walford (c. 1842)*

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Ps 126:3

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To God be the glory, great things He has done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;

And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3 Great things He has taught us, great things He has done

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see!

Fanny J Crosby 1823-1915 alt

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1 John 1:9

88.88.88

We have not known You as we ought,

Nor learned Your wisdom, grace, and pow'r;

The things of earth have filled our thought,

And trifles of the passing hour. Lord, give us light Your truth to see.

So that wise in You we may be.

2 We have not feared You as we ought,

Nor bowed beneath Your watchful eye,

Nor guarded deed, and word, and thought,

Remembering that God was nigh.

Lord, give us faith to know You near,

And grant the grace of holy fear.

3 We have not loved You as we ought,

Nor cared whether we grow in grace;

Your presence we have coldly sought,

And feebly longed to see Your face.

Lord, give a heart loving and pure

To feel, and know, and love You more.

4 We have not served You as we ought;

Alas! the duties left undone, The work with little fervour wrought, The battles lost, or scarcely won!

Lord, give the zeal, and give the might,

For You to toil, for You to fight.

5 When shall we know You as we ought,

And fear, and love, and serve aright?

When shall we, out of tri'al brought,

Be perfect in the land of light? Lord, may we day by day prepare

To see Your face, and serve You there.

Thomas Benson Pollock, 1836-96*

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John 6:67 CM

When any turn from Zion's way,

As some have seemed to do, I hear my Lord and Saviour say,

"Will you forsake Me too?"

2 Ah, Lord, with such a heart as mine,

Unless You hold me fast, I feel I must, I shall decline, And prove like them at last.

3 Yet You alone have pow'r I know

To save a wretch like me:

To whom or to where could I go,

If not You for safety?

4 Beyond a doubt, I rest assured

You are the Christ of God; Who has eternal life secured By promise and by blood.

5 No voice but Yours can give me rest,

And bid my fears depart: No love but Yours can make me blest,

And satisfy my heart.

6 What anguish has that question stirred,

That I might also stray, Yet, Lord, relying on Your word,

I'll never go away.

John Newton, 1725-1807*

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Phil 3:8

LM

When I survey the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of glory died,

My richest gain I count but loss,

And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,

Save in the death of Christ my God:

All the vain things that charm me most,

I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See from His head, His hands, His feet,

Sorrow and love flow mingled down:

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet

Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were an offering far too small,

Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Prov 16:20

669.669.+

When we walk with the Lord In the light of His word, What a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

2 Not a shadow can rise,Not a cloud in the skies,But His smile quickly drives it away;

Not a doubt nor a fear,
Not a sigh nor a tear
Can abide while we trust and
obey.

3 Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share But our toil He does richly repay;

Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross But is blest if we trust and obey.

4 But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour He shows
And the joy He bestows
Are for them who will trust
and obey.

5 Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet Or we'll walk by His side in the way;

What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go, Never fear, only trust and obey.

John H Sammis, 1846-1919

4.3 Service; Fellowship; Missions

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Jer 31:31-34

DCM

"Behold, the coming of the days,"

Declares the Lord, our God,
"When I will make with Isra'el
And Judah a new bond."
"Not as the promise which I
made

And which their fathers broke."

The law in stone was shown to be

A harsh and threat'ning yoke.

2 "My law shall be in every heart

To teach them to obey And it shall be their great delight

To serve me in that day."
"I shall prepare a sacrifice
By shedding precious blood
To bring my people near to
Me,

So shall I be their God."

3 "No more shall men their neighbours teach,For all within this bondBy faith in Jesus Christ shall know

That I the Lord am God."
"I shall forgive their lawless deeds,

Remember sins no more,

For in that day grace will abound Through Jesus Christ the Lord."

4 And now our Saviour, Christ has come;

He died to set us free.

He paid our debt the law demands

For sin and treachery.
He lived a life of holiness,
Fulfilled the law's commands;
So now the church within this
bond

In His righteousness stands.

5 Behold, the new Jerusalem, The Isra'el of God, Who were condemned to

Who were condemned to wrath and hell,

Now purchased by His blood; And who once were not a people,

But now have been brought near

As the true seed of Abraham, A bride belov'd and dear!

Kenneth A Puls, 1962-

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Isa 2:2-5

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 $\mathbf{B}_{ ext{ehold}}$ the mountain of the Lord

In latter days shall rise

On mountain tops above the hills,

And draw the wond'ring eyes.

2 To this the joyful nations round,

All tribes and tongues shall flow,

"Up to the hill of God," they'll say,

"And to His house we'll go."

3 The Word that shines from Zion's hill

Shall lighten every land; Our Saviour-King shall teach His ways,

And countless hearts command.

4 Among the nations He shall judge,

And into truth shall guide; He many people shall rebuke, And quell the sinner's pride.

5 His subjects shall be filled with love

To harvest souls these years;

To ploughshares they shall beat their swords,

To pruning hooks their spears.

6 His own, among the nations set,

All racial hate disown, And national pride subordinate

To serve th' eternal throne.

7 O "House of Jacob," called of God,

Elect from every land,
O come and walk in His great light,

Beneath His mighty hand.

Adapted from Michael Bruce, 1746-67

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Mt 6:13-16; 6:1-4 99.13.55.13

Behold, we are the salt of the earth!

Behold, we are the light of the world!

If salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned?

O salt of the earth!

O light of the world!

A city set on a hill will never be hidden!

2 Truly, a lamp is not lit and put

Under the basket for it to die; Instead it gives to all light when placed on a lampstand.

Men will see our good, God they'll glorify;

O brethren, teach the Word to let shine light before men!

3 Good works are not meant for men to praise,

Stirring up pride which we keep at bay;

Our hearts are not on earth, our treasures are in heaven.

Pray'r to God we raise, Christ alone obey; Things in secret done, will God reward in the open.

Bronson Paul, 1954-

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Isa 51:11 SM

Come, we who love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord,

And thus surround the throne.

2 The sorrows of the mindBe banished from the place;True worship never was designedTo make our pleasures less.

3 Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But children of the heav'nly King Must speak their joys abroad.

4 The hill of Zion yields
A stream of joys untold,
Before we reach the heav'nly
fields,
Or walk the streets of gold.

5 Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry; We're marching through Emmanuel's ground To fairer worlds on high.

6 There shall we see His face And never, never sin;

There from the rivers of His grace
Drink endless pleasures in.
Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*

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Lk 4:43

76.76.D

Facing a task unfinished,
That drives us to our knees,
A need that, undiminished,
Rebukes our slothful ease,
We, who rejoice to know You,
Renew before Your throne
The solemn pledge we owe
You

To go and make You known.

2 We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
The same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition,
To You we yield our pow'rs.

3 O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us,
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Your errands send us
To labour for Your sake.

Frank Houghton, 1894-1972

Rev 20:2

11.10.11.10

Go forth, O saints, and preach to all the nations, Exposing sin that men may see their need, Revealing Christ that they may find forgiveness, And His commandments teach the saints to heed.

2 Go forth in pow'r, assured God's word will tri'umph;For all whom God has chosen will believe.For Christ has come, laid hold, and bound the strongman;Shown forth His light for sinners to receive.

3 Upon the cross our Saviour made atonement;
The empty tomb, He tri'umphed o'er the grave.
The serpent's head was bruised; he was defeated;
The debt was paid for those Christ came to save.

4 The dragon bound, the gospel shines in vict'ry;
The Sov'reign God restrains the world of sin.
A thousand years, the church blooms forth in fullness
'Till all the saints are safely gathered in.

5 So go in hope, O saints, and preach the gospel;

Though Satan rages, it is God who reigns,

For there is none now lost in sin and darkness
God's pow'r unable to loose from his chains.

Kenneth A Puls, 1962-

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Ps 110

87.87.87.D

God did plan from eternity, To save all of His elect; In the fulness of time Christ came,

Freedom from sin to effect; Risen from death, in heav'n seated,

His Spirit makes us perfect.

Arise! Arise! fill up the ranks! Respond to the clarion call! His word proclaim, His might unveil,

Hard hearts will melt, strongholds fall!

Carry your cross, whate'er the loss,

By heav'n's glory they are small!

2 Make us willing, faithful servants,

O Lord our God, Yours to be; Our sins subdue, our gifts refine,

Make us useful and holy; Through our High Priest we bring our plea, Cleanse and strengthen us daily.

3 The Lord has all authority, In heav'n above or on earth; He subdues all opposition, Bringing many sons to birth; In triumph our King will come to judge,

And turn dark days into mirth.

Bronson Paul, 1954-

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Acts 1:8

88.88.88

God of all glory, full of grace, Seeking to save our human race:

Your way in Christ, unique indeed;

Felt or unfelt, Your help we need.

Mission of God, in Christ brought near,

O that this world Your truth would hear!

2 Spirit-anointed Jesus came God's year of favour to proclaim:

The true evangel for the poor, Captives of darkness to restore.

Mission of God, wondrously great,

Your coming, Lord, we celebrate!

3 Sender and Sent, our Saviour Christ,

To serve You is most highly prized.

Boldly we plead, and humbly sing:

"Help us the living Word to bring!"

Mission of God: our constant aim,

Spirit of Christ, Your pow'r we claim!

John Goris, 1937-

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Ps 48

LM

Great is the Lord; O greatly praise,

Proclaim His pow'r, His name confess

Within the city of His grace, Zion, the mount of holiness.

2 Zion – the home of pard'ning love;

Joy of her sons in every land; City of Christ, the Saviour-King,

In the last day supreme to stand.

3 Within her dwellings all are blessed;

Here is God's living presence known,

And hostile-pow'rs are moved away,

Driven as ships by tempest blown.

4 Wonders of truth and stores of grace,

As we have heard, so have we seen;

Here in the city of our God, For ever safe, secure, serene!

Evangelical Psalter

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Rm 10:15 SM

How beautiful their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill!
Who bring salvation on their
tongues

And words of peace reveal.

2 How charming is their voice! The tidings sweet and clear. Zion, behold your Saviour King,

He reigns and tri'umphs here!

3 How happy are our ears, That hear this joyful sound, Which kings and prophets waited for,

And sought but never found!

4 How bless'ed are our eyes,
That see this heav'nly light!
Prophets and kings desired it
long

But died without the sight.

5 The watchmen join their voice,

And tuneful notes employ: Jerusalem breaks forth in song And deserts into joy.

6 The Lord makes bare His arm

Through all the earth abroad; And every nation shall behold Our Saviour and our God.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*

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Rev 2:4

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How long have You bestowed Your care
On our ungrateful, rebel land?
For of the nations far and near
Few know such blessings from
Your hand.

2 Here peace and liberty have dwelt,

The glorious gospel brightly shone;

And oft our enemies have felt That God has made our cause His own.

3 But heav'n and earth have clearly heard

Our vile rejection of that love. We, though like children kindly reared,

Rebels against Your goodness prove.

4 Your grace despised, Your pow'r defied,

And legions of the foulest crimes,

Profanest sins of lust and pride All greatly mark the present times.

5 Lord, hear Your people everywhere,

Who meet to mourn, confess, and pray:

The nation and Your churches spare,

And let Your wrath be turned away.

John Newton, 1725-1807

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Rm 12:10 CM

How sweet, how heav'nly is the sight
When those who love their Lord,
In one another's peace delight,
And so fulfil His word!

2 When each can feel the other's sigh,
And also bear a part;
When sorrow flows from eye to eye,
And joy from heart to heart.

3 When, free from envy, scorn, and pride,
Our wishes all above,

Each can the other's failings hide,

And show a kindred love:

4 When love, in one delightful stream,

Through every member flows, And fellowship and kind esteem

In every action shows.

5 Love is the bond divine that binds

The happy souls above;
May we, as heirs of heaven,
find
Our hearts so filled with love.

Joseph Swain, 1761-96

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Mt 9:37-38

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Lord of the harvest, hear Your needy servants' cry; Answer our faith's effectual pray'r, And all our wants supply.

2 On You we humbly wait; Our wants are in Your view: The harvest truly, Lord, is great;

The labourers are few.

3 Convert, and send forth more
Into Your church abroad;
And let them speak Your word of pow'r,
As workers with their God.

4 Give the pure gospel word, The word of glorious grace; You let them preach, the only Lord

And Saviour of our race.

5 O let them spread Your name,Their mission fully prove,Your condescending grace proclaim,

Your all-redeeming love!

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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Mt 9:37-38

11.10.11.10

Lord of the reapers, hear our lowly pleading,

Yours are the fields that stand all harvest-white,

Yours is the love that human souls are needing,

Ere falls the dusk that deepens into night.

2 Oft have we prayed, with longing and beseeching, Fruit for our toil and glory for Your cross;

Yet slow the reaping, slow the task of reaching

Far distant souls whose distance is their loss.

3 Oft have we asked for some rewarding token,

Only to know our toil was not in vain,

And for a patient love to lead the broken

Lives of the lost to an eternal gain.

4 Soon o'er our harvest field the twilight creeps in,

Low on its margin stands the solemn sun;

Rising to You the reapers' pray, appealing,

"Grant us full sheaves before the day is done."

5 So when Your morning floods the land with glory,

Good will it be to meet and see You then!

Learn all the tri'umphs of Your love's sweet story,

Lord of the reapers! Hope of sinful men!

Frederic Goldsmith French, 1867-1947*

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Mt 4:16

87.87.47

O'er the gloomy hills of darkness

Look, my soul; be still, and gaze;

All the promises do travail With a glorious day of grace; Blessed jub'lee!

Let Your glorious morning dawn.

2 Kingdoms wide that sit in darkness,

Grant them, Lord, Your glorious light;

And from eastern coast to western

May the morning chase the night,

And redemption,

Freely purchased, win the day.

3 May the glorious day approaching,

End their night of sin and shame;

And the everlasting gospel Spread abroad Your holy name O'er the borders

Of the great Immanuel's land.

4 Fly abroad, you mighty gospel,

Win and conquer, never cease; May your lasting, wide dominion

Sway Your sceptre, Saviour, all the world around.

Multiply and still increase;

Saviour, all the world around

William Williams, 1717-91

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Ps 16 LM

Preserve me, Lord, in time of need;

In You alone is all my trust; No merits of my own I plead, Only the righteousness of Christ. 2 Oft have my heart and tongue confessed

How empty and how poor I am;

My praise can never make You blest.

Nor add new glories to Your name.

3 But from the saints on earth I reap

Pleasures exceeding all below; Such is the company I keep, These are the choicest friends I know.

4 Though once I chose the sons of earth,

Pleasures of flesh and sense were mine,

Now I love those of heav'nly birth,

Whose thoughts and language are divine.

5 My Lord remains before mine eyes;

At my right hand He stands prepared

To keep my soul from all surprise,

My sure and everlasting Guard.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Ps 85:6 10.10.10.10

Revive Your work, as in the days gone by,

Stir up our souls and in praise draw us nigh;

Stretch forth Your arm and draw us to Your fold:
Forgotten be our foolish days of old.

2 Sweet is the favour that we now receive,

Gentle the presence as we thus believe:

Visit Your vineyard, grace to us incline,

And let our praises be Your sweetest vine.

3 Humble our hearts, and lift us to Your throne,

Cause us to cry and call on You alone.

Almighty Saviour, Lord, Redeemer, Friend;

You are our sov'reign God and glorious end.

4 Blessed the people that upon You call,

Endless the blessing that our hearts enthrall:

Glory to God His majesty be praised,

Incense of worship, evermore be raised.

William Vernon Higham, 1926-2016

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Mt 28:19 664.6664

Sound, sound the truth abroad,

Bear now the word of God Through the wide world; Tell what our Lord has done; Tell how the day is won, And from His lofty throne Satan is hurled.

2 Speed on the wings of love! Jesus, who reigns above, Bids us to fly: They who His message bear, Should neither doubt nor fear, He will their Friend appear, He will be nigh.

3 When on the mighty deep, He will their spirits keep Stayed on His word; When in a distant land, No other friend at hand, Jesus will by them stand—Jesus, their Lord.

4 They who, forsaking all, At their dear Master's call, Comforts resign, Soon will their work be done, Soon will the prize be won, Brighter than yonder sun, Then shall they shine.

Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855

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1 Cor 3:11

76.76.76.76

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heav'n He came and
sought her

To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He
bought her,
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping.
Their cry goes up, How long?
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church
victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union With God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won; O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,

Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high with You may be.

Samuel John Stone, 1839-1900*

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2 Tim 2:21

65.65.D. +

There's a work for Jesus Ready at your hand, 'Tis a task the Master Just for you has planned. Haste to do His bidding, Yield Him service true; There's a work for Jesus None but you can do.

Work for Jesus, day by day, Serve Him ever, falter never, Christ obey. Yield Him service loyal, true; There's a work for Jesus none but you can do.

2 There's a work for Jesus, Humble though it be, 'Tis the very service He would have you see. Go where fields are whitened And the lab'rers few; There's a work for Jesus None but you can do.

3 There's a work for Jesus Precious souls to bring, Tell them of His mercies, Tell them of your King. Faint not, grow not weary, He will strength renew; There's a work for Jesus None but you can do.

Elsie D Yale, 1873-1956*

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Isa 52:10

73.73.7773

We have heard the joyful sound:

Jesus saves!
Spread the gladness all around:

Jesus saves!

Bear the news to every land, Climb the steeps and cross the waves,

Onward, 'tis our Lord's command:

Jesus saves!

2 Waft it on the rolling tide: Jesus saves!
Tell to sinners far and wide: Jesus saves!
Sing, you islands of the sea, Echo back, you ocean caves, Earth shall keep her jubilee: Jesus saves!

3 Sing above the battle's strife: Jesus saves!
By His death and endless life: Jesus saves!
Sing it softly through the gloom,
When the heart for mercy craves,
Sing in tri'umph o'er the tomb: Jesus saves!

4 Give the winds a mighty voice:

Jesus saves! Let the nations now rejoice:

Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free,
Highest hills and deepest
caves,

This our song of victory: *Jesus saves!*

Priscilla J Owens, 1829-1907

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Eph 5:25

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We love Your kingdom, Lord, The house of Your abode, The church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

- 2 We love Your church, O God; Her walls before You stand; Dear as the apple of Your eye, And graven on Your hand.
- 3 Beyond our highest joy, We prize her heav'nly ways; Her fellowship and solemn vows,

Her hymns of love and praise.

4 Jesus, our Friend divine, Our Saviour and our King, Your hand from every snare and foe Shall great deliv'rance bring. 5 Sure as Your truth shall last,To Zion shall be giv'nThe highest glories earth can yield,And brighter bliss of heav'n.

Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817

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Heb 4:9

11.11.11.11.+

We thank You, O Lord, for a Sabbath of rest;
A day of all others the brightest and best;
A day that observed and respected should be,
'Twas made for Your worship, to be kept holy.

Remember the Sabbath, throughout our broad land; Remember the Sabbath, 'tis God's own command: Transmitted from Sinai, in language divine; "Six days you shall labour, the Sabbath is mine."

2 Our fathers rejoiced in Your Sabbath, O Lord;
They walked in Your counsels, believed in Your word;
They clung to the Bible, their staff and their guide,
And trusting Your promise, in tri'umph they died.

3 We thank You, O Lord, for a Sabbath of rest;

A day that so richly Your holy presence blessed;
A day when our vigour and strength we renew,
While onward and upward, our path we pursue.

4 And when the last Sabbath shall fade from our sight;
Prepare us to enter the mansions of light;
And there, with the just and the faithful to spend
A Sabbath in glory, that never shall end.

Fanny Crosby, 1823-1915*

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Ps 133

66.66.88

When all are sweetly joined, True foll'wers of the Lamb, All one in heart and mind, Who think and speak the same:

When such in love together dwell

The comfort is unspeakable.

2 Where fellowship takes

place,
The joys of heav'n we prove;
This is that gospel grace,
The unction from above:
The Spirit on believers shed,
Descending down from Christ
our Head.

3 Jesus, our great High Priest, For us the gift received, For us, and all the rest Who have in Him believed:
Forth from our Head the
blessing goes
And over true disciples flows.

4 E'en now our Lord does pour This bounty from above, A kindly, gracious show'r Of heart-reviving love; The former and the latter rain, The love of God and love of man!

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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Ex 32:26

65.65.65.D

Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King? Who will be His helpers Other lives to bring? Who will leave the world's side?

Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side?
Who for Him will go?
By Your call of mercy,
By Your grace alone,
We are on the Lord's side,
Saviour, You we own.

2 Jesus, You have bought us Not with gold or gem, But with Your own life-blood, For Your diadem.
With Your blessing filling
Each who comes to You,
You have made us willing,
You have made us new.
By Your grand redemption,
By Your grace alone,
We are on the Lord's side,
Saviour, You we own.

3 Fierce may be the conflict, Strong may be the foe, But the King's own army None can overthrow: Round His standard ranging, Vict'ry is secure; For His Truth unchanging Makes the tri'umph sure. Joyfully enlisting, By Your grace alone, We are on the Lord's side, Saviour, You we own.

4 Chosen to be soldiers
In an alien land,
Chosen, called, and faithful,
For our Captain's band;
In the service royal
Let us not grow cold,
Let us be right loyal,
Noble, true, and bold.
Master, You will keep us,
By Your grace alone,
Always on the Lord's side,
Saviour, You we own.

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-79*

4.4 Guidance; Judgement; Heaven

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1 Pet 5:7

88.88.D

A sov'reign protector I have, Unseen, yet for ever at hand, Unchangeably faithful to save, Almighty to rule and command.

He smiles, and my comforts abound;

His grace as the dew shall descend,

And walls of salvation surround

The soul He delights to defend.

2 Kind Author and ground of my hope,

Yes, You for my God I avow; My glad Ebenezer* set up, And confess You've helped me till now.

I muse on the years that are past,

In which my defence You have proved;

Nor will You relinquish at last A sinner so faithfully loved.

3 Inspirer and Hearer of pray'r, The Shepherd and Guardian of souls,

My all to Your covenant care I sleeping and waking repose. If You are my Shield and my Sun,

The night is no darkness to me;

And, fast as my moments roll on,

To none but You, Lord, they bring me.

* Stone of help, 1 Sam 7:12 Augustus Montague Toplady, 1740-78*

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Ps 73:25

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Descend from heav'n, immortal Dove, Stoop down and take us on

Your wings,

And mount and bear us far

above The reach of these inferior

2 Up far beyond this lower sky, Up where eternal ages roll, Where solid pleasures never die.

And fruits immortal feast the soul!

3 O for a sight, a moving sight, Of our Almighty Father's throne;

Where sits our Saviour crowned with light, Clothed in a body like our own.

4 Adoring saints around Him stand,

And thrones and pow'rs before Him fall;

The God shines glorious through the Man,

And sheds His glory on them all.

5 When shall the day, dear Lord, appear,

That I shall mount to dwell above,

And stand amazed among them there,

And view Your face, and sing Your love?

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Ps 78:53

87.87.47

Guide me, Lord, our great Jehovah,

Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but You are mighty;

Hold me with Your pow'rful hand;

Bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore.

2 Open, Lord, the crystal fountain, For the healing stream to flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me on where'er I go; Strong Deliv'rer, None but You my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,

Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's destruction,

Land me safe on Canaan's side:

Songs of praises I will ever give to You.

William Williams, 1717-91

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Rev 21:2

76.76.D

Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath your contemplation
Sink heart and voice
oppressed!
I know not, O, I know not,
What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.

2 They stand, those halls of Zion,

All jubilant with song, And bright with many 'n angel,

And all the martyr throng; The Prince is ever with them, The daylight is serene; The pastures of the blessed Are decked in glorious sheen. 3 There is the throne of David, And there, from care released, The shout of them that tri'umph, The song of them that feast; And they who, with their Leader,

Have conquered in the fight, For ever and for ever Are clad in robes of white

4 O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect! O sweet and blessed country, That eager hearts expect! Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest, Who are, with God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

Bernard of Morlaix (Cluny), 12th century cento from John Mason Neale, 1818-66

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Ps 120

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Jesus! how my heart is pained,
How it mourns for souls

deceived,

When I hear your name profaned,

When I see Your Spirit grieved!

2 Mourning thus I long had been,

When I heard my Saviour's voice,

"You have cause to mourn for sin,

But in Me you must rejoice!"

3 This kind word dispelled my grief,

Put to silence my complaints, Though of sinners I am chief, He has ranked me with His saints.

4 Though constrained to dwell awhile

Where the wicked strive and brawl;

Let them rage, but He will smile,

Heav'n will make amends for all.

5 Let us, then, the fight endure,

See our Saviour looking down, He will make the conquest sure,

And bestow the promised crown.

John Newton, 1725-1807

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Gal 6:14

76.76. + trochaic

Jesus, keep me near the cross:

There a precious fountain, Free to all a healing stream, Flows from Calvary's mountain. In the cross, in the cross, Be my glory ever; Till my raptured soul shall find Rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,

Love and mercy found me; There the Bright and Morning Star

Shed its beams around me.

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God

Bring its scenes before me; Help me walk from day to day With its shadow o'er me.

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait,

Hoping, trusting ever, Till I reach the golden strand Just beyond the river.

Fanny J Crosby, 1823-1915

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Ps 90

77.77.D

Lord of the world we live in,
To You we owe our being;
Before the mountains have
been,

You are God everlasting.

2 Life is so frail and fleeting, No sooner born are we gone; Weary everywhere searching, We find rest in You alone.

- 3 We were in Adam guilty, Our sins are before Your eye; Death is our just penalty, We end our years like a sigh!
- 4 You show Your pow'r and anger,

In our weary years of pain; Teach us our days to number, A heart of wisdom to gain.

5 O Lord, You can satisfy, Your servants in their tri'als; On You only we rely, To make us glad and rejoice.

6 Let Your presence and glory, Be with us and our children; Let Your work be our story, Repeated e'er so often!

Bronson Paul, 1954-

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Hab 2:3

87.87

Lord, we know that You are near us,

Though You seem to hide Your face;

And are sure that You do hear us,

Though no answer we embrace.

2 Not one promise shall miscarry;

Not one blessing come too late:

Though the vision long may tarry,

Give us patience, Lord, to wait!

3 While withholding, You are giving

In Your own appointed way; And while waiting we're receiving

Blessings suited to our day.

4 O the wondrous loving-kindness, Planning, working out of sight!

Bearing with us in our blindness!

Out of darkness bringing light.

5 Weaving blessings out of tri'als;

Out of grief evolving bliss: Answ'ring pray'r by wise denials

When Your children ask amiss!

6 And when faith shall end in vision,

And when pray'r is lost in praise;

Then shall love, in full fruition,

Justify Your secret ways.

Jane Crewdson, 1809-63

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Ps 12 CM

Lord, when iniquities abound,
And blasphemy grows bold;

When faith is hardly to be found

And love is waxing cold.

2 When scorners stand on every side,

And sons of God seem few; When men, in vanity and pride,

Have but themselves in view.

3 Is not Your coming hast'ning on?

Have You not giv'n this sign? May we not trust and lean upon

A promise so divine?

4 When man is 'god', then You will rise

And make oppressors flee; In pow'r appear, to their surprise,

And set Your servants free.

5 Your word, like silver, fully tried,

Through ages shall endure; And all who in its truth confide,

Shall find Your promise sure.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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2 Cor 7:5

87.87.87

My God, how yearn I now for You,

In this world of toil and tears;

Straining to keep the crown in view,

Conflicts without, within fears:

Waiting for all to be made new,

When dawn the unending years.

2 Your way to me, O God, make clear,

In this world of sin and curse;

As a pilgrim and a stranger, Its wares and cares dare I

O, let my heart these words utter,

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

3 While Your light does in this world shine,

Help me Your word to proclaim;

Before night comes my gifts refine,

By Your pow'r my nature tame:

Into Your hands I now resign, Help me honour, Lord, Your name.

4 By grace through faith in Christ alone,

A worm is spared ruin untold; No more will sin be cause to mourn,

In that city paved in gold;
"'Tis grace! 'Tis grace!" will I intone,

When gathered safe in the fold.

Bronson Paul, 1954-

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Ps 57 LM

My God, in whom are all the springs

Of boundless love and grace unknown,

Hide me beneath Your spreading wings,

Till these calamities are gone.

2 Up to the heav'ns I send my cry;

The Lord will my desires perform;

He sends His mercy from the sky,

And saves me from the threat'ning storm.

3 Be You exalted, O my God, Above the heav'ns, where angels dwell;

Your pow'r on earth be known abroad,

And land to land Your wonders tell.

4 My heart is fixed, my song shall raise

Immortal honours to Your name:

Awake, my tongue, send forth my praise,

With all the fervour of my frame.

5 High o'er the earth His mercy reigns,

And reaches to the utmost sky;

His truth to endless years remains,

When lower worlds dissolve and die.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Gal 4:5

88.88.88

O come, O come, Immanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O come, You Lord of might,

Who to Your tribes on Sinai's height

In ancient times did give the law

In cloud and majesty and awe.

3 O come, You Rod of Jesse, free

Your own from Satan's tyranny;

From depths of hell Your people save,

And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

4 O come, You Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Your advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

And death's dark shadows put to flight.

5 O come, You Key of David,

And open wide our heav'nly home;

Make safe the way that leads on high,

And close the path to misery.

Antiphons in Latin Breviary, 12th century tr by John Mason Neale, 1818-66

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Ex 40:34-35

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O hear the cry of saints below,

Although we are but few, We long to see Your mercy flow,

And know Your grace is true. Almighty God, Redeemer King,

Reveal Your saving arm; Display Your majesty, and bring

A myriad souls from harm.

2 O grant our hungry souls a sight

Of glorious sov'reign grace; Yet clouds of mercy veil the light

Of Jesus's smiling face.

O let Your glory dress this tent,

Our hearts with rapture fill With certain hope, when You are bent

Our longing hearts to thrill.

3 O leave us not in deep despair

With dreaded word of loss; Your glory gone, and none to bear

The tidings of Your cross.

Revive Your work, grant Your embrace

To us by day and night, A shaft of fire, a cloud of

grace: Display Your word in might.

William Vernon Higham, 1926-2016

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Ps 119:37-40

88.88

Oh, turn my eyes from fleeting things

To focus on the things that last,

And while my soul within me sings

Or while it hurts, Lord, hold me fast!

2 Grant me a grounding in Your law,

A fervent longing to obey; In love that's mixed with holy awe, To live the Christ-like life each day.

3 So may the glory of the Lord Shine forth in all I say and do.

Teach me to use the Spirit's sword

To grow in grace and knowledge too.

John Goris, 1937-

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1 Tim 1:15

11.10.11.10.+

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,

One day when sin was as dark as could be,

Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,

Dwelt amongst men, my example is He!

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me,

Buried, He carried my sins far away;

Rising, He justified freely for ever:

One day He's coming – O glorious day!

2 One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,

One day they nailed Him to die on the tree;

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected:

Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He!

3 One day they left Him alone in the garden,

One day He rested, from suffering free;

Angels came down o'er His tomb to keep vigil;

Hope of the hopeless, my Saviour is He!

4 One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,

One day the stone rolled away from the door;

He had arisen, o'er death He had conquered;

Now is ascended, my Lord evermore!

5 One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,

One day the skies with His glory will shine;

Wonderful day, His beloved ones bringing;

Glorious Saviour, this Jesus is mine!

J Wilbur Chapman, 1859-1918

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Rm 8:21

77.77.D

See the ransomed millions stand,

Palms of conquest in their hand;

This before the throne their strain,

"Hell is vanquished, death is slain;

Blessing, honour, glory, might, Are the Conq'ror's native right; Thrones and pow'rs before Him fall;

Lamb of God, and Lord of all!"

2 Hasten, Lord, the promised hour;

Come in glory and in pow'r; Still Your foes are unsubdued; Nature sighs to be renewed. Time has nearly reached its sum,

All things with Your bride say, "Come";

Jesus, whom all worlds adore, Come, and reign for evermore.

Josiah Conder, 1789-1855

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Ps 27:11

64.64.66.64

Teach me Your way, O Lord, Teach me Your way! Your gracious aid afford, Teach me Your way! Help me to walk aright, More by faith, less by sight; Lead me with heav'nly light: Teach me Your way!

2 When doubts and fears arise,

Teach me Your way!

When storms o'erspread the skies,

Teach me Your way! Shine through the cloud and rain,

Through sorrow, toil, and pain;

Make, Lord, my pathway plain:

Teach me Your way!

3 Long as my life shall last, Teach me Your way! Where'er my lot be cast, Teach me Your way! Until the race is run, Until the journey's done, Until the crown is won, Teach me Your way!

B. Mansell Ramsey, 1849-1923

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Ps 27 LM

The Lord my Saviour is my light,

What pow'r against my soul shall fight?

While God, my strength, to me is near,

What foe can harm, whom shall I fear?

2 The greatest joy my heart desires,

And for which all my soul aspires,

Is in God's house to spend my days,

My life devoted to His praise.

3 This do I seek with ceaseless care,

And God attends my earnest prayer;

Here may my soul His beauties trace,

And know the wonders of His grace.

4 When troubles rise, my guardian God

Will hide me safe in His abode!

Firm as a rock my hope shall stand,

Sustained by His almighty hand.

5 Should every earthly friend depart,

Or should I lose my parents' heart,

Then God on whom my hopes depend,

Will still be Father, Guide and Friend

Anne Steele, 1717-78

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Rev 6:15-16

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The Lord shall come! the earth shall quake;

The mountains to their centre shake;

And, with'ring from the vault of night,

The stars shall pale their feeble light.

2 The Lord shall come! but not the same

As once in lowliness He came; A silent lamb before His foes, A weary Man, and full of woes.

3 The Lord shall come! in glorious form,

With rainbow wreath and robes of storm;

On cherub wings, and wings of wind,

Appointed Judge of all mankind.

4 Can this be He who bore His load,

A pilgrim on life's dusty road; Oppressed by pow'r, and mocked by pride,

The Nazarene – the Crucified?

5 While sinners in despair shall call,

"Rocks, hide us; mountains, on us fall!"

The saints, ascending from the tomb,

Shall joyful sing, "The Lord has come!"

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826 Thomas Cotterill, 1779-1823

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Ps 50 CM

The mighty God, the Lord, has called,
To all our human race,

Proclaiming through His church below
The riches of His grace.

2 Our God shall come with purging fireTo vindicate His name,And all who feign their love for Him.

He'll send away in shame.

3 How could my soul claim love for Him, And yet resist His word? Or by unworthy deeds and lusts

Deny a heav'nly Lord?

4 O great, all-seeing God on high,

Increase my humble awe, That I shall fear to slight Your pow'r,

Or trifle with You more.

5 I'll honour now my vows to You.

And seek my Saviour's face, Live to His glory and obey, And bring You worthy praise.

Evangelical Psalter

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Isa 8:8

76.76.76.75

The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;

The summer morn I've sighed for,
The fair, sweet morn, awakes:

The fair, sweet morn, awakes: Dark, dark has been the midnight,

But dayspring is at hand, And glory, glory dwells there In Immanuel's land.

2 O Christ, He is the fountain, The deep, sweet well of love; The streams on earth I've tasted,

More deep I'll drink above: There, to an ocean fulness, His mercy does expand, And glory, glory dwells there In Immanuel's land.

3 With mercy and with judgement,
My web of time He wove;
And e'en the dews of sorrow
Were lustred with His love;
I'll bless the hand that guided,
I'll bless the heart that planned,
When throned where glory
dwells there

4 The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory,
But on my King of grace,
I rest upon His merit,
I know no other stand:
The Lamb is all the glory

Of Immanuel's land.

In Immanuel's land.

5 I've wrestled on towards heav'n.

'Gainst storm and wind and tide;

Now, like a weary trav'ller Who leans upon his guide, Amid the shades of evening, While sinks life's ling'ring sand,

I'll hail the glory dawning From Immanuel's land.

Anne Ross Cousin, 1824-1906*

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Rev 21:2

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There is a home with God above,

A place of peace and joy; A sweet inheritance of love Which nothing can destroy.

- 2 At last my soul shall enter in And join the happy throng; "A ransom paid for all my sin" Shall be my joy and song.
- 3 Such sacrifice of costly grace;
 The Saviour died for me:
 Enabled me to see His face,

To live eternally.

4 Surrounded by such loveliness,
My heart has lost all fear;
I see the Father's tenderness
Who wipes away each tear.

5 Time and decay shall reign no more,

For death has lost its sting. The Victor rules forevermore, My Lord and glorious King.

6 The wonder of God's grace untold,

The myst'ries of His will, He tenderly will now unfold, And show His sov'reign skill.

7 The freedom of His presence gives

Each precious soul delight, And happy is the soul that lives

To see this vision bright.

William Vernon Higham, 1926-2016

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Isa 33:17

CM

There is a land of pure delight,

Where saints immortal reign; Infinite day excludes the night,

And pleasures banish pain.

2 There everlasting spring abides,

And never-with'ring flow'rs: Death, like a narrow sea, divides

This heav'nly land from ours.

3 Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood

Stand dressed in living green; As once to Israel Canaan stood,

While Jordan flowed between.

4 But trembling mortals fear and shrink

To cross the narrow sea; They linger, shiv'ring on the brink,

Afraid to launch away.

5 If we could all our doubts remove,

Those gloomy doubts that rise, And see the Canaan that we love

With clear unclouded eyes!

6 If we could climb where Moses stood,

And view what lies before, Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood, Would keep us from the shore!

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*

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Ps 21

LM

When pain and weakness bowed His head,

Our loving Saviour, glorious King,

Numbered Himself among the dead,

Taking the weight of all our sin.

2 Jesus was giv'n His heart's desires,

To bring salvation-blesssings down;

Now raised above, all heav'n admires

His well-deserved eternal crown.

3 A life of everlasting years, Through which His saving glories shine,

Repays Him for His groans and tears,

And fills His soul with joy divine.

4 O coming Judge and sov'reign Lord,

No foe shall stand, no hate endure,

No sin shall spoil the coming world

When purging fire has made it pure.

5 All human schemes to end Your cause,

Undo Your word, eclipse Your name,

Usurp Your throne and spurn your laws,

Must fall to that devouring flame!

6 Be You exalted, King of kings,

In Your own strength to reign on high!

While every saint rejoicing sings,

And longs to share the tri'umph nigh.

Evangelical Psalter

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Lk 16:5

77.77.77

When this passing world is done,

When has sunk the radiant sun,

When I stand with Christ on high,

Looking o'er life's history, Then, Lord, shall I fully know, Not till then, how much I owe.

2 When I stand before the throne,

Dressed in beauty not my own;

When I see You as You are, Love You with unsinning heart;

Then, Lord, shall I fully know, Not till then, how much I owe.

3 When the praise of heav'n I hear,

Loud as thunder to the ear, Loud as many waters' noise, Sweet as harp's melodious voice;

Then, Lord, shall I fully know, Not till then, how much I owe.

4 Chosen not for good in me, Wakened up from wrath to flee;

Hidden in the Saviour's side, By the Spirit sanctified;

4. Response to God's Word

Teach me, Lord, on earth to show,

By my love, how much I owe. Robert Murray M'Cheyne, 1813-43

4.5 Afflictions; Conflicts; Trials

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Ps 46:1

87.87.66.667

A mighty fortress is our God, A stronghold never failing; Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing; For still our ancient foe Does seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

2 Had we in our own strength trusted,

Our striving would be losing; Had not the right Man us sided,

The Man of God's own choosing.

You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He. The Lord of Hosts – His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,

Should threaten to o'erpow'r us.

We will not fear, for God has willed

His Truth shall tri'umph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not at him! His rage we can endure, For soon his doom is sure:

One word from God shall fell him.

4 God's plan, above all earthly pow'rs

Will unfold for good to us; The Spirit and His gifts are ours

Through Christ, who will empow'r us.

Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's word remains true still, His kingdom stands for ever!

Martin Luther, 1483-1546 tr Frederick Hedge, 1805-90*

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Mt 26:41

777.3

Christian! seek not yet repose,

Cast your dreams of ease away,

You are in the midst of foes: Watch and pray.

2 Principalities and pow'rs, Must'ring their unseen array, Wait for your unguarded hours:

Watch and pray.

3 Gird your heav'nly armour on,

Wear it ever night and day; Ambushed lies the evil one: Watch and pray.

4 Hear the victors who o'ercame;

Still they mark each warrior's way;

All with one sweet voice exclaim,

"Watch and pray."

5 Hear, above all, hear the Lord,

Him you always must obey; Hide within your heart His word,

"Watch and pray."

6 Watch, as if on that aloneHung the issue of the day;Pray that help may be sent down;

Watch and pray.

Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871*

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Heb 12:1

10.10.10.4

For all the saints who from their labours rest.

Who You by faith before the world confessed,

Your name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.

Hallelujah!

2 You were their Rock, their Fortress and their Might; You, Lord, their Captain, in the well-fought fight; You, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Hallelujah!

3 O may Your soldiers, faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints, who nobly fought of old, And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Hallelujah!

4 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors will come rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Hallelujah!

5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Hallelujah!

6 The countless host streams in from far and near,
Through gates of pearl, they sing that all may hear,
To God Triune, who holds His children dear.
Hallelujah!

Wiiliam W How, 1823-97*

2 Tim 2:1

65.65.66.65

He who would valiant be 'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy,
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

2 Who so beset him round With dismal stories, Do but themselves confound; His strength the more is. No foes shall stay his might, Though he with giants fight: He will make good his right To be a pilgrim.

3 Since, Lord, You do defend Us with Your Spirit, We know we at the end Shall life inherit. Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say, I'll labour night and day To be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan, 1628-88 alt Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936

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Ps 107:7

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He's leading me, O bless'ed thought!

O words with heav'nly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still my God's hand is leading me.

He's leading me, He's leading me,

By His own hand He's leading me;

His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He's leading me.

2 Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,

Sometimes where Eden's blessings bloom,

By waters calm, o'er troubled sea.

Still my God's hand is leading me.

3 Lord, I would clasp Your hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God who's leading me.

4 And when my task on earth is done,

When by Your grace the vict'ry's won;

E'en death's cold waves I would not flee,

Since through Jordan You're leading me.

Joseph H Gilmore, 1834-1918*

Heb 11:14-16

77.77

Heav'nly Father! to whose eye

Future things unfolded lie; Through the desert where I stray,

Let Your counsels guide my way.

2 Lead me not, for flesh is frail,

Where the fiercest trials assail; Leave me not, in darkened hour,

To withstand the tempter's pow'r.

3 Lord, uphold me day by day; Shed a light upon my way; Guide me through perplexing snares;

Care for me in all my cares.

4 Should Your wisdom, Lord, decree

Tri'als long and sharp for me, Pain or sorrow, care or shame, Father, glorify Your name.

5 Let me neither faint nor fear, Knowing still that You are near;

In the course my Saviour trod, Trav'lling home to You, my God!

Josiah Conder, 1789-1855

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Ps 60

CM

In times of weakness and of blight,

O turn to us again;

Renew our blessedness and light,

And purge away our sin.

2 When punished sore and put to shame

Beneath Your chast'ning rod, We grieve for slighting Your great name

And failing such a God.

3 Bind up our wounds and show Your face;

Restore our service, Lord. Help us again display Your grace,

The banner of Your word.

4 Let all the regions of our land

Submit to Jesus's reign, That multitudes may take their stand

Within Your house again.

5 We'll Satan's strongholds storm and take,

Our Saviour to make known; And by Your pow'r shall souls awake,

And fall before Your throne.

Evangelical Psalter

Ps 88

76.76.D

Lord God of my salvation,
To You alone I cry;
O let my supplications
Be heard by You on high;
For troubles gather round me,
And life draws near the grave;
O come in love and mercy,
Descend, my soul to save.

Your billows o'er me roll,
My friends all seem to shun
me,
And foes beset my soul,
Wherever on earth I turn,
No comforter is near;
Will You, Lord, also me spurn?

Will You refuse to hear?

2 Your anger lies upon me,

3 Though banished, Lord, and broken
My soul to You will cling;
The promise You have spoken
Will consolation bring.
These present ills and terrors
Shall future joy increase,
And scourge me from my
errors,

To duty, hope, and peace. Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847*

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1 Sam 3:9-10

87.87.77

Master, speak! for Your servant hears,

Waiting for Your gracious word,
Longing, Lord, for Your voice that cheers,
Master, let it now be heard.
I am list'ning, Lord, closely;
What have You to say to me?

2 Speak to me by name, O
Master,
Let me know it is to me;
Speak, that I may follow
faster,
With a step more firm and
free,
Where the Shepherd leads the
flock,
In the shadow of the rock!

3 Master, speak! though least and lowest,
Let me not unheard depart;
Master, speak! for O, You know best
All the yearning of my heart;
You know all its truest need:
Speak, and make me blest indeed.

4 Master, speak! and make me ready,
When Your voice is truly heard,
With obedience glad and steady,
Still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, closely;
Master, speak, O, speak to me!

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-79

Lk 22:42

888.6

My God and Father, while I stray

Far from my home in life's rough way,

O, teach me from my heart to say,

"Your sov'reign will be done."

2 If You should want me to let go

What most I prize, let me do so,

Knowing all blessings from You flow;

"Your sov'reign will be done."

3 Now let my fainting heart be blest

With Your sweet Spirit for its guest,

My God, to You I leave the rest:

"Your sov'reign will be done."

4 Renew my will from day to day;

Blend it with Yours, and take

All that now makes it hard to say,

"Your sov'reign will be done."

5 Then, when on earth I breathe no more

The pray'r oft mixed with tears before,

I'll sing upon a happier shore, "Your sov'reign will be done."

Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871*

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Rm 8:18-39

10.866.11.D. +

My God is good, He gave me life in Christ,

This rich and bless'ed life in Christ;

Though at this present time, Suff'rings and trials are mine, They are as nothing compared to what will be.

2 So come with me and live this life in Christ,

And live this bless'ed life in Christ;

Let men their charges bring, And woes of all kinds spring, We know God is for us, who can be 'gainst us?

The Lord is my helper,
I will not fear,
He'll leave not nor forsake His
own:

The Lord is King, With Him I'll reign!

3 By His Spirit, God gave this hope to me,

This sure and precious hope to me;

And when this world is done, When heav'n and earth are one,

I will hear the song of those from sin set free.

4 So take my hand and share this hope with me,

And share this precious hope with me;

Though trials from Satan flood,

And foes may spill our blood, Yet in all these things we are more than conq'rors.

Refrain

Bronson Paul, 1954-

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Heb 12:11

87.87

Now, the sowing and the weeping,

Working hard, and waiting long;

Afterward, the golden reaping, Harvest-home and grateful song.

2 Now, the pruning, sharp, unsparing,

Scattered blossom, bleeding shoot:

Afterward, the plenteous bearing

Of the Master's pleasant fruit.

3 Now, the long and toilsome duty,

Stone by stone to carve and bring;

Afterward, the perfect beauty Of the palace of the King.

4 Now, the spirit conflict-riven, Wounded heart, and painful strife;

Afterward, the triumph given,

And the victor's crown of life.

5 Now, the training, hard and lowly,

Weariness felt, respite none; Afterward, the service holy, And the Master's voice, "Well done!"

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-79

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Ps 55

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Ogod, my refuge, hear my cries;

Behold my trials and tears, For earth and hell my hurt devise,

And tri'umph in my fears.

2 I long for freedom as a dove, For liberty and wings To fly away and soar above These present, painful things.

3 O let me to some refuge go, And find a peaceful home, Where storms of malice never blow,

And tri'als never come.

4 Vain hope and false aspirings all!

To thwart the devil's arm,

The mighty God on whom I

Will save me where I am.

call.

5 He shall preserve my soul from fear,

And shield me when afraid; Ten thousand angels must appear,

If He command their aid.

6 I'll cast my burdens on the Lord,

The Lord sustains them all; My faith shall rest upon His word

That saints shall never fall.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Ps 62 11.10.11.10.11.10.11.12

O my soul, wait upon the Lord silently,

Only He is your rock and salvation;

Your Protector, your defender trustworthy,

In Him alone is found preservation.

2 Wounded by friends so-called I learnt painfully; It's a mistake to trust in sinful man!

So good they are at plotting, scheming daily,

The fall of those not aware of their lying plan.

3 When all seems lost and despair clouds my vision,

When strength is gone and hope is no more found; I turn to God, the rock of my

salvation,

Refuge of all who heed the gospel sound.

4 Do not trust in riches nor in strength glory,

When all is well and you are at your best;

Not on frail men rely or you'll be sorry,

O weary soul, turn to the risen Christ for rest!

5 Many are the trials and pains of the faithful,

Who oft bear the world's reproach in silence;

Those who oppress and rob appear to be full,

As they in vain show good for a pretence.

6 In God alone is found mercy and safety,

He will display His pow'r and lay hearts bare,

Trust in the Lord, O my soul, for He surely

Will return and take the saints to that land most fair.

Bronson Paul, 1954-

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John 19:5

76.76.D

O sacred Head once wounded,

With grief and shame weighed down,

How scornfully surrounded With thorns, Your only crown!

How pale are You with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!

2 O Lord of life and glory,
What bliss was Yours divine!
I read the wondrous story,
And gladly call You mine.
Your grief and Your
compassion
Were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the
transgression,
But Yours the deadly pain.

3 What language shall I borrow
To praise You, heav'nly Friend, For this Your dying sorrow, Your pity without end!
Lord, make me Yours for ever, Nor let me faithless prove;
O let me never, never
Abuse such dying love!

4 Be near me when I'm dying,
O, show Yourself to me;
And, to my help come flying,
O Lord, to set me free!
These eyes, new faith
receiving,
From Jesus shall not move;
For he who dies believing
Dies safely through Your love.

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153 tr Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76 and J W Alexander, 1804-59*

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Mt 16:18

65.65.D. +

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, Looking unto Jesus, Who is gone before: Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the foe; Forward into battle, See, His banners go.

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, Looking unto Jesus, Who is gone before.

2 At the name of Jesus, Satan's host does flee; On then, Christian soldiers, On to victory! Hell's foundations quiver At the shout of praise; Brothers, lift your voices, Loud your anthems raise.

3 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise
And that cannot fail.

4 Onward, then, you people, Join our happy throng; Blend with ours your voices In the tri'umph-song; Glory, praise and honour Unto Christ the King; This through countless ages Men and angels sing.

Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924

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Phil 4:4-9

99.99.10.10

 \mathbf{R} ejoice, rejoice in the Lord always,

Let your gentleness be known to all,

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, I say;

The Lord is at hand, to hear your call;

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give t' you; Not as the world gives do I give to you."

2 Be anxious for nothing but to pray, Supplication make with thanksgiving; Hearts and minds He'll guard without delay Peace He'll give beyond understanding;

3 On things true, noble, just – meditate, And things pure, lovely, of

and things pure, lovely, of good report;

To spurn virtue always hesitate,

While things praiseworthy reject you not.

4 Let peace your hearts and minds always guard,

Through Christ Jesus who gives this promise,

To bless all those who find it not hard,

To heed His word, yea, without remiss.

Bronson Paul, 1954-

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1 Cor 16:13

76.76.D

Stand up! stand up for Jesus! You soldiers of the cross; Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss: From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead, Till every foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!

The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day:
You who are His, now serve
Him

Against unnumbered foes; Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up! stand up for Jesus!

Stand in His strength alone; The arm of flesh will fail you, You dare not trust your own: Put on the gospel armour, Each piece put on with pray'r; Where duty calls, or danger, Be never wanting there.

4 Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
Each soldier to his post;
Close up the broken column,
Encourage all the host,
Make good the loss so heavy
In those who still remain;
And prove to all around you
That death itself is gain.

5 Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song:
To him who overcomes will
A crown of life giv'n be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

George Duffield, 1818-88*

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Gen 22:14

55.55.65.65

Though troubles assail
And dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail
And foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us,
Whatever betide:
The Scripture assures us,
"The Lord will provide."

2 The birds, without barn Or storehouse, are fed;

From them let us learn To trust for our bread: His saints what is fitting Shall ne'er be denied, So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

3 His call we obey, Like Abram of old, Not knowing our way; But faith makes us bold: For though we are strangers We have a good Guide, And trust, in all dangers, "The Lord will provide."

4 When Satan appears,
Obstructing our path,
And fills us with fears,
We triumph by faith;
He cannot take from us
Though oft he has tried:
This heart-warming promise –
"The Lord will provide."

5 No strength of our own, Or goodness we claim; Yet, since we have known The Saviour's great name, In this our strong tower For safety we hide, Almighty His power: "The Lord will provide."

John Newton, 1725-1807

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Heb 12:7 77.77.D

Tis my happiness below To encounter many 'cross,

But the Saviour's pow'r to know,
Sanctifying every loss:
Tri'als must and will befall;
But with humble faith to see
Love inscribed upon them all.
This is happiness to me.

2 God in Zion sows the seeds, Of affliction, pain and toil; These spring up, and choke the weeds,

Which would overspread the soil:

Tri'als make the promise sweet,

Tri'als give new life to pray'r; Tri'als bring me to His feet, Lay me low, and keep me there.

3 Did I meet no tri'als here, No reproof along the way, Might I not, with reason, fear I should prove a castaway? Some, it seems, escape the rod,

Sunk in earthly, vain delight; But the true-born child of God, Must not, would not, if he might.

William Cowper, 1731-1800

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2 Chr 14:11

11.10.11.10

We rest on You our Shield and our Defender! We go not forth alone against the foe; Strong in Your strength, safe in Your keeping tender, We rest on You, and in Your name we go.

2 Yes, in Your name, O
Captain of salvation!
In Your dear name, all other
names above:

Jesus our Righteousness, our sure foundation,

Our Prince of glory and our King of love.

3 We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling, And needing more each day Your grace to know: Yet from our hearts a song of

tri'umph pealing; We rest on You, and in Your name we go.

4 We rest on You our Shield and our Defender!
Yours is the battle, Yours shall be the praise;

When passing through the gates of pearly splendour, Victors we rest with You, through endless days.

Edith G Cherry 1872-97

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1 Pet 3:12

87.87.87

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in pray'r! O what peace we often forfeit! O what needless pain we bear! All because we do not carry Everything to God in pray'r.

2 Have we tri'als and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in pray'r!
Can we find a Friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows

Jesus knows our every weakness;

share?

Take it to the Lord in pray'r.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge!
Take it to the Lord in pray'r.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in pray'r;
In His arms He'll take and

shield you, You will find a solace there.

Joseph Medlicott Scriven, 1820-86

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Ps 61 SM

When overwhelmed with grief,

My heart in sorrow lies, Helpless, and far from all relief:

To heav'n I lift mine eyes.

2 O lead me to the rockOf gracious, kindly aid;And make the covert of Your wingsMy shelter and my shade.

3 Within Your presence, Lord, For ever I'll abide; You mighty tow'r of my defence, The refuge where I hide.

4 With all who fear Your name,
My heritage is sure;
An undeserved and bless'ed life
In heav'n for evermore.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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John 14:27

11.8.11.9

When peace like a river, accomp'nies my way,
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my
soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though tri'als should come, Let this blest assurance control,

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,

And has shed His own blood for my soul.

3 My sin – O the bliss of this glori'ous thought! – My sin, not in part, but the whole,

Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4 But Lord, 'tis for You, for Your coming, we wait, The sky, not the grave, is our goal;

O trump of the angel! O voice of the Lord!

Bless'ed hope! bless'ed rest of my soul!

Horatio Gates Stafford, 1828-88

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2 Cor 2:14

 \mathbf{W} hy should I sorrow more?

SM

I trust a Saviour slain, And safe beneath His shelt'ring cross Unmoved I shall remain.

2 Let Satan and the world,Ever my heart allure;The promises in Christ are madeUnchangeable and sure.

3 The oath infallible
Is now my spirit's trust;
I know that He who spoke the word,
Is faithful, true, and just.

4 He'll bring me on my way Unto my journey's end; He'll be my Father and my God, My Saviour and my Friend.

5 So all my doubts and fears Shall wholly flee away,And every mournful night of tearsBe turned to joyous day.

6 All that remains for me Is but to love and sing, And wait until the angels come

To bear me to the King.

William Williams, 1717-91 Charles Haddon Spurgeon, 1834-92

5 Special Occasions

5.1 Christ's Birth

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66.77.78.55

All Christians now, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Celebrate with us, and sing
Praise to Jesus Christ our
King.

Like the shepherds let us now In humble adoration bow. Christ is born our King! Christ is born our King!

2 All Christians now, rejoice With heart and soul and voice; God has kept His promise true,

Came sin's damage to undo. Heaven's gate to open wide For all who in His Son confide. Praise Him for Christ's birth! Praise Him for Christ's birth!

3 All Christians now, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Fear not now the dreaded
grave,

Jesus Christ was born to save! Came to conquer death's domain,

To link life back to God again. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

John Goris, 1937-

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Lk 17:21

88.88.D

All glory to God in the sky, And peace upon earth be restored!

O Jesus, exalted on high, Appear our omnipotent Lord! Who meanly in Bethlehem born,

Did stoop to redeem a lost race,

Once more to Your creatures return,

And reign in Your kingdom of grace.

2 When You in our flesh did appear,

All nature acknowledged Your birth;

Arrived the acceptable year, And heaven was opened on earth:

Receiving its Lord from above, The world was united to bless The Giver of mercy and love, The Prince and the Author of peace.

3 O come, and to us be made known!

Again, in the Spirit, descend; Set up in the hearts of Your own A kingdom that never shall end.

You only are able to bless, And make rebel sinners obey; Now bid human enmity cease, And bow countless souls to Your sway.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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Mt 2:2

87.87.47

Angels, from the realms of glory,

Wing your flight o'er all the earth;

You who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

2 Shepherds, in the field abiding,

Watching o'er their flocks by night,

God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light:

3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great Desire of nations;

You have seen His natal star:

4 Saints, before the altar bending,

Watching long in hope and fear,

Suddenly the Lord descending In His temple shall appear:

5 Sinners, wrung with true repentance,

Doomed for guilt to endless pains,

Justice now revokes the sentence,

Mercy calls you – break your chains:

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

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Lk 2:10

10.10.10.10.10.10

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,

Whereon the Saviour of mankind was born;

Rise to adore the mystery of love

Which hosts of angels chanted from above!

With them the joyful tidings first begun

Of God incarnate, of the virgin's Son.

2 Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,

Who heard the ang'lic herald's voice, 'Behold,

I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth

To you and all the nations upon earth;

This day has God fulfilled His promised word,

This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'

3 He spoke; and straightway the celestial choir

In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;

The praises of redeeming love they sang,

And heav'n's whole orb with hallelujahs rang;

God's highest glory was their anthem still,

Peace upon earth, and unto men goodwill.

4 Then may we hope, the ang'lic hosts among,

To join, redeemed, a glad triumphant throng:

He that was born upon this joyful day

Around us all His glory shall display;

Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing

Eternal praise to heav'n's Almighty King.

John Byrom, 1692-1763

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Hag 2:7

87.87.87

Earth was waiting, spent and restless,

With a mingled hope and fear; And the faithful few were sighing, 'Surely, Lord, the day is near; The Desire of all the nations, It is time He should appear.'

2 In the sacred courts of Zion, Where the Lord had His abode,

There the money-changers trafficked,

And the sheep and oxen trod; And the world by earthly wisdom

Knew not either Lord or God.

3 Then the Spirit of the Highest

To a virgin meek came down, And He burdened her with blessing,

And He pained her with renown;

For she bare the Lord's Anointed,

For His cross and for His crown.

4 Earth for Him had groaned and travailed

Since the ages first began; For in Him was hid the secret That through all the ages ran: Son of Promise, Son of David, Son of God, and Son of Man.

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908

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John 1:3

LM

Ere the blue heav'ns were stretched abroad,

From everlasting was the Word:

With God He was; the Word was God,

And must as God be here adored.

2 By His own pow'r were all things made;

By Him supported all things stand;

He is the whole creation's Head,

And angels fly at His command.

3 Ere sin was born, or Satan fell,

He led the host of morning stars;

His generation who can tell, Or count the number of His years?

4 But see, He leaves His home above,

A body takes on earth below, That He may show His glorious love,

And save us from our guilt and woe.

5 Mortals with joy beheld His face,

Th' eternal Father's only Son; How full of Truth! how full of grace!

When through His eyes the Godhead shone!

6 Archangels leave their high abode

To learn new myst'ries here, and tell

The love of our descending God,

The glories of Immanuel.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Lk 2:11

77.77.D

Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled.'
Joyful, all you nations, rise,
Join the tri'umph of the skies;
With the ang'elic host
proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'

Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new-born King!'

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored.

Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb! Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;

Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with men to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with His healing springs. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die;

Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

4 Come, Desire of nations, come,

Fix in us Your humble home: Rise, the woman's conq'ring Seed,

Bruise in us the serpent's head!

Adam's likeness now efface, Stamp Your image in its place; The last Adam, from above, Give Your life, reveal Your

Charles Wesley, 1707-88 alt

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Ps 98

CM

Joy to the world! the Lord has come; Let earth receive her King, Let every heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;

Let us our songs employ; While fields and streams, and hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy. 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Phil 2:8

66.66.88

Let earth and heav'n combine,
Angels and men agree,
To praise in songs divine
Th' incarnate Deity;
Our God contracted to a span,
Incomprehensibly made man.

2 He laid His glory by,
He wrapped Him in our clay;
Unmarked by human eye,
The latent Godhead lay;
Infant of days He here
became,
And bore the mild Immanuel's

3 Unsearchable the love That has the Saviour brought; Such grace is far above Mankind's or angel's thought:

name.

Suffice for us that God, we know,

Our God, is manifest below.

4 He deigns in flesh to 'ppear, Widest extremes to join;To bring our vileness near,And make us all divine:And we the life of God shall know,

For God is manifest below.

5 Made perfect first in love, And sanctified by grace, We shall from earth remove, And see His glorious face: Then shall His love be fully shown,

And man shall then be lost in God.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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Rev 5:12

LM

Now let us join with hearts and tongues,

To emulate the angels' songs; For mortals may address their King

With songs that angels cannot sing!

2 They praise the Lamb who once was slain,

But we must praise in higher strain;

Not only sing, 'He suffered thus,'

But, that He suffered all for us!

3 Jesus, who passed the angels by,

Assumed our flesh, to bleed and die;

And still He makes it His abode;

As man, He fills the throne of God.

4 Our next of kin, our Brother now,

Is He to Whom the angels bow;

They join with us to praise His name,

But we the nearest interest claim.

5 But O, how faint our praises rise!

This is the wonder of the skies, That we, who share His richest love,

So cold and unconcerned should prove.

6 O glorious hour! it comes with speed,

When we from sin and darkness freed,

Shall see the God who died for man,

And praise Him more than angels can.

John Newton, 1725-1807

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Isa 9:6

98.98.D

O Christ-child, come to earth from heaven;

O Counselor most wonderful,

O Mighty God, eternal Father.

O Prince of Peace surpassing all,

Enlighten those who walk in darkness,

Bring forth the prisoner of gloom,

Enter our lives with heav'nly gladness,

Deliver us from certain doom.

2 A Child is born! Sing Hallelujah!

To us a royal Son is giv'n. The government is on His shoulders.

His name befits the Lord from heav'n.

He came to bring a lasting kingdom,

Restoring David's righteous throne,

Securing it with peace and justice;

Hosanna! Praise to Him alone!

3 Immanuel! It's truly happened

That God with man on earth would dwell.

The Lord of all became a servant,

An Infant named Immanuel!
O miracle beyond all grasping,
O mercy, measureless and
mild.

What awe-inspiring gracious action!

Come and adore this Christmas Child!

John Goris, 1937-

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Lk 2:11

66.10.56 +

O come, all you faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come now, O come now to
Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2 O praise the God of God Light of light eternal, For lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb; He who is true God, B'gotten, not created:

3 O sing, choirs of angels,Sing in exultation,Sing, all the citizens of heav'n above;Glory to our God,Glory in the highest:

4 Yes, our Lord, we greet You,Born this happy morning,O Jesus, to You now be all glory;Word of the Father,Now in flesh appearing:

From the Latin 17th century tr Frederick Oakeley, 1802-80*

Phil 2:10 11.10.11.10.11.10.+

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and darkness pining,

Till He appeared, gift of infinite worth!

Behold the Babe in yonder manger lowly,

'Tis God's own Son come down in human form:

Fall on your knees before the Lord most holy!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

O night divine, O night, O night divine!

2 With humble hearts we bow in adoration

Before this Child, gift of God's matchless love,

Sent from on high to purchase our salvation,

That we might dwell with Him ever above.

What grace untold, to leave the bliss of glory

And die for sinners guilty and forlorn:

Fall on your knees! Repeat the wondrous story!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

O night divine, O night, O night divine!

3 O day of joy, when in eternal splendour

He shall return in His glory to reign,

When every tongue due praise to Him shall render,

His pow'r and might to all nations proclaim!

A thrill of hope our longing hearts rejoices,

For soon shall dawn that glad eternal morn:

Fall on your knees! With joy lift up your voices!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

O night divine, O night, O night divine!

John S Dwight, 1813-93 Revised by Avis B Christiansen

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Mt 1:23

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O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see you lie; Above your deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in your dark streets

Yet in your dark streets shining

The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in you tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Ma_ry, And gathered all above;

While mortals sleep, the angels keep

Their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King,

And peace to men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n So God imparts to human hearts

The blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive

The dear Christ enters in.

Him still

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel.

Phillips Brooks, 1835-93

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Ps 8 CM

O Lord, our Lord, how high, how great Is Your exalted name! The glories of Your heav'nly state

Let men and babes proclaim.

2 When I behold Your works on high,

The moon that rules the night, The stars that well adorn the sky,

Those moving worlds of light.

3 Lord, what is man, or all his race,

Who dwells so far below, That You should visit him with grace,

And love his nature so?

4 That Your eternal Son should bear To take a mortal form; Made lower than His angels

To save a dying worm!

5 Let Him be crowned with majesty,

Who bowed His head to death:

And be His honours sounded high,

By all things that have breath.

6 Jesus, our Lord, how high, how great

Is Your exalted name!

The glories of Your heav'nly

Let the whole earth proclaim.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Phil 2:7

87.87.77

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed. Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven,

Who is God and Lord of all; And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall: With the poor, and mean, and lowly,

Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3 And through all His wondrous childhood He would honour and obey, Love, and watch the lowly mother

In whose gentle arms He lay: Christian children all must be Mild, obedient, good as He.

4 For He is our childhood's pattern:

Day by day like us He grew; He was little, weak, and helpless,

Tears and smiles like us He knew;

And He feels for our sadness, And He shares in our gladness.

5 And our eyes at last shall see Him,

Through His own redeeming love;

For that Child so dear and gentle

Is our Lord in heav'n above; And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

6 Not in that poor lowly stable,

With the oxen standing by, We shall see Him, but in heaven,

Set at God's right hand on high,

When, like stars, His children crowned,

All in white shall wait around.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95

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Isa 9:2-7

CM

The race that long in darkness pined
Have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
In death's surrounding night.

2 To hail Your rise, You better Sun.

The gath'ring nations come, Joyous as when the reapers bear

The harvest treasures home.

3 To us a Child of hope is born,

To us a Son is giv'n; Him shall the tribes of earth obey,

And all the hosts of heav'n.

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,

For evermore adored; The Wonderful, the

Counsellor,

The great and mighty Lord.

5 His pow'r increasing still shall spread;

His reign no end shall know: Justice shall guard His throne above,

And peace abound below.

John Morison, 1749-98

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Mt 2:11

87.87

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,

On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him praise,

The Babe, the Son of Mary.

2 Why lies He in so mean a state

Where ox and ass are feeding? O Christians, fear: for sinners here

The silent Word is pleading.

3 So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,

Come, peasant, king, to own Him,

The King of kings salvation brings,

Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

William Chatterton Dix, 1837-98*

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Lk 2:8-14

CM

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

2 'Fear not,' said he, for mighty dread

Had seized their troubled mind;

'Glad tidings of great joy I bring

To you and all mankind.

3 'To you, in David's town, this day,

Is born, of David's line,

A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;

And this shall be the sign:

4 'The heav'nly Babe you there shall find

To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in
swaddling bands,
And in a manger laid.'

5 Thus spoke the seraph; and forthwith

Appeared a shining throng Of angels, praising God, who thus

Addressed their joyful song:

6 'All glory be to God on high, And on the earth be peace; Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men Begin and never cease.'

Nahum Tate, 1652-1715

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2 Cor 8:9

98.98.98

You who were rich beyond all splendour, All for love's sake did become poor; Thrones for a manger did surrender,

Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.

You who were rich beyond all splendour,

All for love's sake did become poor.

2 You who are God beyond all praising,

All for love's sake did become Man:

Stooping so low, but sinners raising

Heav'nwards by Your eternal plan.

You who are God beyond all praising,

All for love's sake did become Man.

3 You who are love beyond all telling,

Saviour and King, we worship You.

Immanuel, within us dwelling, By Your own pow'r our lives renew.

You who are love beyond all telling,

Saviour and King, we worship You.

Frank Houghton, 1894-1972*

I.M

5.2 Baptism (Also 4.1; 4.2)

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Col 2:12

Buried with Christ! Our glad hearts say

Come see the place where once He lay.

Risen with Him! Allured by love,

Henceforth we seek the things above.

2 Walking with Him! A life how blest,

Strengthened with might, girt round with rest!

In Him abiding! Living Vine, We too would bear the fruit divine.

3 For Him enduring! Pain and loss

Are but the shadow of His

By Him victorious! Smile or frown,

We march right onward to a crown.

William W Sidey, 1856-1909

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Eph 1:13 LM

Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine,

On these baptismal waters shine,

And teach our hearts in highest strain

To praise the Lamb for sinners slain.

2 We love Your name, we love Your laws,

And joyfully embrace Your cause,

We love Your cross, the shame, the pain,

O Lamb of God, for sinners slain.

3 And as we rise with You to live,

O let the Holy Spirit give The sealing unction from above,

The breath of life, the fire of love.

Adoniram Judson, 1788-1850

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2 Cor 8:5

I.M

Glory to God, whose Spirit draws

Fresh soldiers to the Saviour's cause,

Who thus, baptized into His name,

His goodness and their faith proclaim.

2 For these now added to the host,

Who in their Lord and Saviour boast,

And consecrate to Him their days,

Accept, O God, our grateful praise.

3 Thus may Your mighty Spirit draw

All here to love and keep His law;

Themselves His subjects to declare

And place themselves beneath His care.

4 Lead them at once their Lord to own,

To glory in His cross alone; And then, baptized, His truth to teach,

His love to share, His heav'n to reach.

Baptist W Noel, 1799-1873

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Acts 8:36

CM

In all my Lord's appointed ways,
My journey I'll pursue;
Hinder me not, you
much-loved saints,
For I must go with you.

2 Through floods and flames, if Jesus leads,

I'll follow where He goes; Hinder me not, shall be my cry,

Though earth and hell oppose.

3 Through duty, and through tri'als too,

I'll go at His command; Hinder me not, for I am bound To my Immanuel's land.

4 And when my Saviour calls me home,

Still this my cry shall be, Hinder me not, come, welcome death, For my Lord awaits me.

John Ryland, 1753-1825*

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Mt 3:16

87.87

New-born souls who taste salvation

Through the Lord's redeeming blood

Hear His voice of revelation, "Tread the path the Saviour trod."

2 Jesus says, 'Let each believer Be baptised into My name,' As He went through Jordan's river,

There immersed beneath the stream.

3 Follow Him, our only Saviour, In His Word alone confide;

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In the whole of our behaviour Own Him as our sov'reign Guide.

4 Plainly, here, His footsteps tracing,
Follow Him without delay,
Gladly His commands
embracing,
As our Saviour led the way.

5 View the act with understanding,

'Tis a grave before us lies, Buried there at His commanding, Then in newness to arise.

6 Symbol of a life now over, Sin and darkness left behind; Figure of new life and power, And new birth in heart and mind.

John Fawcett, 1739-1817 alt

5.3 The Lord's Supper (Also 2; 4.2; 4.3; 4.4)

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John 20:19 LM

Amidst us our Belov'ed stands,

And bids us view His pierc'ed hands;

Points to His wounded feet and side,

Blest emblems of the Crucified.

2 What food luxurious loads the board,

When at His table sits the Lord!

The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,

When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

3 If now, with eyes defiled and dim,

We see the signs but see not Him,

O may His love the scales displace,

And bid us see Him face to face!

4 O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,

Your present smile a heav'n imparts:

O lift the veil, if veil there be, Let every saint Your beauties see!

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, 1834-92

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1 Cor 11:26

888.4

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,

We keep the memory adored, And show the death of our dear Lord

Until He comes.

2 Body of His broken instead Is seen in this memorial bread, And so our feeble love is fed Until He comes.

3 Tokens of dying agony, His life-blood shed for us, we see,

The cup shall tell the mystery Until He comes.

4 And thus that dark betrayal night

With the last advent we unite, By one blest chain of loving rite,

Until He comes.

5 Until the trump of God be heard,

Until the ancient graves be stirred,

And with the great commanding word

The Lord then comes.

6 O bless'ed hope! with this elate,

Let not our hearts be desolate, But, strong in faith, in patience wait Until He comes.

George Rawson, 1807-89

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1 Cor 15:26

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Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
For our offences given;
But now at God's right hand He stands,
And brings us life from heaven;
Let us give thanks and joyful be,
And to our God sing gratefully Loud songs of hallelujah!

2 It was a strange and dreadful strife
When life and death contended;
The victory was gained for life,
The reign of death was ended;
Stripped of its pow'r, no more it reigns:
An empty form alone remains;
Its sting is lost for ever.

3 Let us obey the gracious call By which the Lord invites us; Christ is Himself the Joy of all, The Sun who warms and lights us; In love and mercy He imparts Eternal sunshine to our hearts; The night of sin is ended.

4 Let us His people feast this day
On the true Bread of heaven.

On the true Bread of heaven. The word of grace has purged away

The old, corrupted leaven; Now Christ alone our souls will feed,

He is our meat and drink indeed,
Faith lives upon no other.

Martin Luther, 1483-1546 tr Richard Massie, 1800-87

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John 20:26

CM

How sweet and awesome is the place With Christ within the doors, Where everlasting love displays The choicest of her stores.

2 Here all the mercy of our God

With vast compassion rolls; And peace and pardon through His blood, Is food for ransomed souls.

3 While all our hearts in pray'r and song

Join to admire the feast, Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,

'Lord, why was I a guest?'

4 'Why was I made to hear Your voice, And enter while there's room, When thousands make a wretched choice, And rather starve than come?'

5 'Twas the same love that spread the feast,
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

6 Pity the nations, O our God, Constrain the earth to come; Send Your victorious word abroad,

And bring lost sinners home.

7 We long to see Your churches full,
That all Your chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing Your redeeming grace.
Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Lk 22:14-22

10.10.10.10

We celebrate, O Lord, till Your return, The solemn feast of Your undying love;
And take of bread and cup while You sojourn,
Rememb'ring You, the living Lord, above.

2 You gave Your sinless body on the tree,

We take the bless'ed bread in memory.

You gave Your precious blood to set us free:

We take the cup and share Your victory.

3 O lead us, Lord, that with this bread from heav'n

We shall be nourished in our pilgrim way.

O may the cup which in Your name is giv'n

Quicken our pace toward the perfect day!

4 And once again You will with us sit down

To drink anew, when on that glorious date

You'll usher in the kingdom fully grown!

Until You come, O Lord, we celebrate!

John Goris, 1937-

5.4 Marriage (Also 1; 2; 3; 4.2)

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1 Cor 13:4-7

88.88.6

Creator-God who long ago Made man and wife, and bound them both

In deepest bond, with purest love,

Grant now Your blessing from above

To bride and groom below.

2 May theirs be love that's patient, kind,

That's neither rude nor self-inclined;

A love rejoicing with the truth, That trusts and hopes and keeps its youth;

Love born of Christlike mind.

3 O may theirs be a faith that's shared,

That lives, forgives, and is not scared;

A faith that follows Christ along,

That flowers into frequent song;

For hardship well-prepared.

4 May theirs be hope, firm to the end,

That holds through every kind of trend;

A hope that's sure God knows the way,

And that enables them to say:

'On the Lord we depend!'

John Goris, 1937-

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1 Pet 3:7

87.87.47

Grant, O Lord, our pure petition

On this union here to stay;

Give Your gracious benediction

On this covenant today.

Days of gladness,

In their pilgrimage with You.

2 Dear Lord Jesus, guest of honour,

Take Your place, adorn with grace,

With Your presence and Your favour

This occasion – now embrace. Precious moments,

When the feast is filled with You.

3 O how wondrous is Your guidance,

Through the winding ways of life:

Looking at Your constant count'nance,

Every step in joy or strife.

O such friendship,

Resting in Your tender care.

4 Bless'ed Jesus in Your mercy Seal these promises with pow'r;

Sweetest union, now with beauty,

Sanctify this solemn hour. Glorious cov'nant, God ordained for all mankind.

William Vernon Higham, 1926-2016

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Ps 128 LM

How blest are they who fear the Lord

And walk by His unerring word;

Their labours meet with great success,

And all their days see happiness.

2 Family blessings will be found

With those who love the gospel's sound;

Kindred shall bow their hearts to grace,

And taste God's mercy, pow'r and peace.

3 O may our homes and lives abide

Beneath the smile of our dear Guide:

To serve His cause let us aspire,

Be this our first and best desire.

4 Within His kingdom shall the Lord

Bless with the comforts of His word,

Grant us – and ours – to see and know

The good of Zion here below.

5 On shall we go from strength to strength,
Till heav'n's bright morning

Till heav'n's bright morning breaks at length,

And calls to that sublime reward:

How blest are they who fear the Lord!

Evangelical Psalter

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John 2:1

CM

Lord, who at Cana did appear

To bless a marriage feast, Grant us Your gracious presence here;

Come, O our Sov'reign Guest!

2 Upon the bridal pair look down,

Who now have joined their hands;

Their union with Your favour crown,

And bless their marriage bands.

3 With grace divine their hearts endow,

Of all rich gifts the best!
Their substance bless, and peace bestow
To sweeten all the rest.

4 In purest love their souls unite,
That they, with Chirstian care,
May make domestic budens light,

By taking mutual share.

5 Through life their every step attend With tokens of Your love; And, having reached their journey's end, Complete their bliss above.

John Berridge, 1716-93

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Eph 5:25

11.10.11.10

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending, Lowly we come in pray'r before Your throne, That theirs may be the love which knows no ending

- Whom You for evermore do join in one.
- 2 O perfect Life, be You their full assurance,
- Grant tender love and loyal, steadfast faith;
- Give patient hope, and quiet, brave endurance,
- With childlike trust that fears not pain or death.
- 3 Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;
- Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife;
- And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow
- That dawns upon eternal love and life.
- 4 Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,
- Through Jesus Christ, Your co-eternal Word,
- Who, with the Holy Spirit everliving,
- Now, and to endless ages are adored.

Dorothy Frances Gurney, 1858-1932

5.5 Dismission; Parting; Doxology (Also 4.2; 4.3; 4.4; 4.5)

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Rev 22:12

SM

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Acts 4:32 CM

And though our bodies part, To distant lands we go; Inseparably joined in heart Are friends of Jesus so.

2 O, let us still proceedIn Jesus' work below;And, foll'wing our triumphant Head,To farther conquests go!

3 The vineyard of the Lord Before His labourers lies; And lo! we see the vast reward Which waits us in the skies.

4 Where all our toils are o'er Our suff'ring and our pain! Who meet on that eternal shore Shall never part again.

5 O happy, happy place, Where saints and angels meet! There we shall see each other's face, And all our brethren greet.

6 The church of the first-born, We shall with them be blest, And, crowned with endless joy, return To our eternal rest. Charles Wesley, 1707-88* Blest be the dear uniting love,
That will not let us part;
Our presence may far off remove,

We still are one in heart.

2 Joined in one Spirit to our Head,Where He appoints we go;And still in Jesus' footsteps tread,

And show His praise below.

3 O may we ever walk in Him, And nothing know beside, Nothing desire, nothing esteem, But Jesus crucified!

4 Partakers of the Saviour's grace,

The same in mind and heart, Nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place,

Nor life, nor death can part.

5 So let us hasten to the day Which shall our bond restore, When death shall all be done away,

And we shall part no more.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

1 John 1:7 SM

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throneWe pour our ardent pray'rs;Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows The sympathising tear.

4 When for a while we part, This thought will soothe our pain, That we shall still be joined in

heart, And hope to meet again.

5 This glorious hope revivesOur courage by the way,While each in expectation lives,And longs to see the day.

6 From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free; And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

John Fawcett, 1739-1817

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1 Cor 16:23

77.77

For a season called to part, Let us then ourselves commend To the gracious eye and heart Of our ever-present Friend.

2 Jesus, hear our humble pray'r,

Tender Shepherd of Your sheep;

Let Your mercy and Your care All our souls in safety keep.

3 In Your strength may we be strong!

Sweeten every cross and pain, Give us, if we live, ere long Here to meet in peace again.

4 Then, for all Your love outpoured,

We shall join in pray'r and praise;

And our souls shall bless the Lord

Who has watched o'er all our ways.

John Newton, 1725-1807

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Acts 20:327

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God be with you till we meet again!

By His counsels guide, uphold you,

With His sheep securely fold you;

God be with you till we meet again!

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet, Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again!

2 God be with you till we meet again!

'Neath His wings securely hide you,

Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again!

3 God be with you till we meet again;

When life's perils thick confound you,

Put His loving arms around you;

God be with you till we meet again!

4 God be with you till we meet again!

Keep love's banner floating o'er you,

Smite death's threat'ning wave before you;

God be with you till we meet again!

Jeremiah E Rankin, 1828-1904

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Gen 32:26

87.87.47

Grant us, Lord, some gracious token Of Your love before we part; Crown Your word which has been spoken, Life and peace to each impart!

And all blessings Which shall sanctify the heart.

2 God of our salvation, hear us;

Bless, O bless us, ere we go: When we join the world, be near us,

Lest Your people careless grow:

Saviour, keep us, Keep us safe from every foe.

3 As our steps are drawing nearer

To our blest and lasting home, May our view of heav'n grow clearer,

Hope more bright of joys to come;

And when dying,

May Your presence cheer the gloom.

Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855 John Rippon, 1751-1836

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Rm 11:33

88.88

 ${f H}$ ow good is the God we adore,

Our faithful, unchangeable Friend!

His love is as great as His pow'r

And knows neither measure nor end!

2 'Tis Jesus the First and the Last,

Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;

We'll praise Him for all that is past;

We'll trust Him for all that's to come.

Joseph Hart, 1712-68

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Num 6:24

87.87.47

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, Your love possessing,

Tri'umph in redeeming grace; O, refresh us,

Trav'lling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration,

For Your gospel's joyful sound; May the fruits of Your salvation

In our hearts and lives abound:

May Your presence With us evermore be found.

3 So, whene'er the signal's given

Us from earth to call away, Borne on angels' wings to heaven,

Glad the summons to obey, May we ever

Reign with Christ in endless day.

John Fawcett, 1739-1817

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2 Cor 13:14

87.87

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,

And the Father's boundless love,

With the Holy Spirit's favour, Rest upon us from above!

2 Thus may we abide in union With each other and the Lord; And possess, in sweet communion,

Joys which earth cannot afford.

John Newton, 1725-1807

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Ps 117

LM

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

In heav'n above and earth below;

Praise God the Father, God the Son.

And God the Spirit Three-in-One.

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*

5.6 Death (Also 4.1; 4.2; 4.4; 4.5)

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Lk 24:29

10.10.10.10

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;

The darkness deepens: Lord, with me abide;

When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;

Change and decay in all around I see:

- O Lord who changes not, abide with me.
- 3 I need Your presence every passing hour;

What but Your grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?

Who like Yourself my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with You at hand to bless;

Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;

Where is death's sting? where, grave, your victory?

I tri'umph still if You abide with me.

5 Keep, Lord, Your cross before my closing eyes, Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; Heav'n's morning breaks, and

earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847

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Ps 23:4

SM

Behold, the gloomy vale Which you, my soul, must tread,

Crowded with terrors, fierce and pale,

And leading to the dead!

2 And you, my fleshly 'clay,' Long partner of my cares, In this rough path are torn away

With pain, regret and tears.

3 But, lo, a flood of light, With splendours all divine, Breaks through those doleful realms of night To make the valley shine.

4 Where death and darkness reign,

My Saviour is my stay;

He shall my trembling soul sustain,

And guard me all the way.

5 Blest Saviour, lead me on; How can I yield to fear? Death's fearsome savours all are flown When You, O Lord, are near.

Philip Doddridge, 1702-51

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1 Pet 1:3-5

Blest be the everlasting God, The Father of our Lord! Be His abounding mercy praised, His majesty adored!

2 When from the dead He raised His Son,And called Him to the sky,He gave our souls a lively hopeThat they should never die.

3 What though our inbred sins require

Our flesh to see the dust; Yet as the Lord our Saviour rose,

So all His foll'wers must.

4 There's an inheritance divine Reserved against that day; 'Tis uncorrupted, undefiled, And cannot fade away. 5 Saints by the pow'r of God are kept

Till their salvation come; We walk by faith, as strangers here,

Till Christ shall call us home.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Rev 12:11

CM

Give me the wings of faith to rise

Within the veil and see The saints above, how great their joys,

How bright their glories be.

2 Once they were mourners here below

And poured out cries and tears;

They wrestled hard, as we do now,

With sins and doubts and fears.

3 I ask them whence their vict'ry came:

They, with united breath, Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,

Their tri'umph to His death.

4 They marked the footsteps that He trod,

His zeal inspired their breast; And, foll'wing their incarnate God,

Possess the promised rest.

5 Our glorious Leader claims our praise

For His own pattern giv'n; While the long cloud of witnesses

Show the same path to heav'n.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Rev 21:4

LM

God of my life, through all my days

My grateful pow'rs shall sound Your praise;

My song shall wake with op'ning light,

And cheer the dark and silent night.

2 When anxious cares would break my rest,

And griefs would tear my troubled breast,

Your tuneful praises, raised on high,

Shall check the murmur and the sigh.

3 When death o'er nature shall prevail,

And all the pow'rs of language fail,

Joy through my swimming eyes shall break,

And mean the thanks I cannot speak.

4 But O, when that last conflict's o'er

And I am chained to earth no more,

With what glad accents shall I rise

To join the music of the skies!

5 Soon shall I learn th' exalted strains

Which echo through the heav'nly plains;

And emulate, with joy unknown,

The glowing seraphs round the throne.

6 This cheerful tribute will I give

Long as a deathless soul shall live:

A work so sweet, a theme so high,

Demands and crowns eternity.

Philip Doddridge, 1702-51

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Rev 22:5

CM

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,

And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy
land,

Where my possessions lie.

2 O, the transporting, rapt'rous scene That rises to my sight! Sweet fields arrayed in living green,
And rivers of delight!

3 O'er all those wide extended plains,Shines one eternal day;There God the Son for ever

reigns,

And scatters night away.

4 No chilling winds, or pois'nous breath, Can reach that healthful

shore:

Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,

Are felt and feared no more.

5 When shall I reach that happy place, And be for ever blest? When shall I see my Father's face, And in His presence rest?

6 Filled with delight, my raptured soul
Can here no longer stay;
When Jordan's waves around me roll,
I'll, fearless, launch away.

Samuel Stennett, 1727-95

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John 14:2 66.66

One sweetly solemn thought Comes to me o'er and o'er – I'm nearer home today Than I have been before.

- 2 Nearer my Father's house Where many mansions be, Nearer the great white throne, Nearer the crystal sea.
- 3 Nearer the bound of life, Where burdens are laid down, Where pilgrims end their road, And victors gain their crown.

4 But lying dark between, And winding through the night, Rolls deep that unknown stream That leads at last to light.

5 O, if my mortal feet Have almost gained the brink, If I am nearer home, Nearer than now I think.

6 Saviour, in whom I trust, Perfect my feeble faith, That I may bravely cross That unknown stream of death!

Phoebe Cary, 1824-71

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1 Thess 4:16-17

88.88.88

We sing His love who once was slain,
Who soon o'er death revived again,

That all His saints through Him might have Eternal conquests o'er the grave.

Soon shall the Lord return, and we

Shall rise to immortality.

2 The saints who now in Jesus sleep,

His own almighty pow'r shall keep,

Till dawns the bright illustrious day,

When death itself shall die away.

3 How loud shall our glad voices sing,

When Christ His risen saints shall bring

From beds of dust and silent clay,

To realms of everlasting day!

4 When Jesus we in glory meet,

Our utmost joys shall be complete,

When landed on that heav'nly shore,

Death and the curse will be no more!

5 Hasten, dear Lord, the glorious day,

And this delightful scene display;

When all Your saints from death shall rise,

Raptured in bliss beyond the skies.

Rowland Hill, 1744-1833

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Ps 17:14-15

I.M

What sinners value, I resign: Lord, 'tis enough that You are mine;

I shall behold Your blissful face,

And stand complete in righteousness.

2 Life is a dream, an empty show;

But that bright world to which I go

Has joys substantial and sincere;

When shall I wake in wonder there?

3 O glorious hour! O blest abode!

I shall be near and like my God;

And flesh and sin no more control

The sacred pleasures of my soul.

4 My flesh shall slumber in the ground,

Till the last trumpet's joyful sound,

Then burst its chains with sweet surprise,

And in my Saviour's image rise.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Phil 1:23

CM

Why do we mourn departing friends,
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends

To call them to His arms.

2 Why should we tremble to convey
Our dear ones to the tomb?
Where once our mighty
Saviour lay
To take away its gloom.

3 The grave of every saint is blest,

A place of vict'ry made, A symbol of triumphant rest Where burdens are all laid.

4 Far from this world of toil and strife,

They're present with the Lord; The labours of this mortal life End in a great reward.

5 Break from God's throne, illustrious morn! Attend, O earth, God's word! When from the grave a glorious form Ascends to meet the Lord! Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

* universal

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Abide with me, fast falls the eventide Alas! and did my Saviour bleed? All Christians now, rejoice All glory to God in the sky All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! All the way my Saviour leads me Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound!) Amidst us our Belov'ed stands And can it be that I should gain And though our bodies part Angels, from the realms of glory Arise, my soul, arise As pants the deer for cooling streams (Ps 42) (As pants the hart for cooling streams)		Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Christians, awake! salute the happy morn Christians! seek not yet repose Come down, O love divine Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly Dove Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove Come, O Almighty King (Come, Thou Almighty King) Come, O Fount of every blessing (Come, Thou Fount of every blessing) Come, O our all-victorious Lord	273 43 249 222 85 86 267 87 3 88
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B e still my soul, the Lord is on your side Before Jehovah's awesome throne (Ps 100) Begin my tongue a heav'nly them Behold, the coming of the days Behold, we are the salt of the earth! Behold, the gloomy vale	150 1 ne 2 171 173 292	Come, we who love the Lord Come, you sinners, poor and needy Command Your blessing from above Creator-God who long ago Creator Spirit, by whose aid Crown Him with many crowns	174 124 4 276 89 44
Behold the mountain of the Lord Beneath the cross of Jesus Blessed are they, supremely blest (Ps 32) Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Blest be the dear uniting love	172 122 83 151 282	D escend from heav'n, immortal Dove Descend on us, O heav'nly Dove (Descend from heaven, celestial Dove)	197 90
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